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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 1, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is in connection with a news item issued by United Press, April 30, 1962, which stated in part Agriculture Secretary Freeman, told reporters the Department would defer a decision on former Assistant Secretary James T. Ralph until the FBI investigation was complete." The FBI investigation has been completed unless and until the Department of Agriculture through an administrative review of its files can determine that Ralph took official action favoring Estes.

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BACKGROUND

During the investigation of Estes' multimillion dollar fraud, allegations were received that officials of the Agriculture Department had received gifts and gratuities from Estes in return for preferential treatment. Investigation established that Dr. James T. Ralph and two others employed by the Department of Agriculture had received gifts from Estes. The Department of Agriculture has been advised by the Department of Justice to comply with Section 311A, Title 5, United States Code (this section requires that alleged violation of the Federal law by Government officials must be submitted to the Department of Justice). In accordance with the Department of Justice instructions, the Department of Agriculture is reviewing its files and supplying reports directly to the Justice Department. This is necessary since only officials thoroughly familiar with Agriculture regulations can determine if Estes received favorable treatment. The Department has advised that they will review these files and make specific requests for any investigation required. As of this date we have received no such requests.

ACTION

Secretary Freeman was informed by telephone on April 25, 1962, and by letter dated April 26, 1962, that we have no objection to any action the Department of Agriculture might want to take in connection with Dr. Ralph. It was further pointed out that any action

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- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

by that Department concerning Ralph would not interfere with our investigation.

The Attorney General was advised in a personal conversation on April 24, 1962, and by a confirming letter of our advice to Freeman. We requested the Attorney General for the earliest possible opinion of the Department in connection with the possible bribery.

There are attached letters to the Attorney General and Secretary Freeman. The letter to Freeman reiterates our stand concerning Ralph and advises him of the status of the investigation concerning Ralph and his associates. The letter to the Attorney General sets out the information we are giving Freeman, reviews procedures being followed in connection with this phase of the investigation and requests early advice if the Department's review of Agriculture reports shows evidence of bribery.

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TO. DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, HOUSTON /58-117-
FROM. SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/

BILLIE SOL ESTES. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
DASH BRIBERY.

REBUTEL MAY ELEVEN LAST. PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS THE
FOLLOWING IS TELETYPE SUMMARY.

ON JUNE THIRD, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, HENRY H. MARSHALL, FORMER
Agriculture Stabilization and Commodity Service
EMPLOYEE OF THE ASCS, BRYAN, TEXAS, WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH ON HIS
FARM NEAR FRANKLIN, TEXAS. [REDACTED] CONDUCTED
INQUEST AND RULED ~~QUOTE~~ "DEATH BY GUNSHOT DASH SELF INFLICTED." ~~UNQUOTE~~.
INVESTIGATION BY ROBERTSON COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, FRANKLIN, TEXAS,
REVEALED ALL CIRCUMSTANCES POINTED TOWARD SUICIDE AND NO EVIDENCE OF
MURDER. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MARSHALL-S DEATH MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY
STATED THAT HE WAS IN BAD HEALTH, HAVING HAD SEVERAL HEART ATTACKS AND
A KNOT ON HIS BACK WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS A CANCER. [REDACTED]

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MARSHALL AT ALL TIMES, INDICATING THE FAMILY SUSPECTED THAT HE MIGHT
COMMIT SUICIDE. WHEN THE SHERIFF CONTACTED [REDACTED] TO ADVISE
[REDACTED] DEATH, AND BEFORE HE HAD TIME TO DO SO, SHE
STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "OH, HE HAS GONE AND DONE IT" ~~UNQUOTE~~, INDICATING TO
THE SHERIFF THAT SHE KNEW BY THE SHERIFF-S PRESENCE THAT [REDACTED]
HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES AT FRANKLIN, THE FAMILY HAS RECENTLY
DENIED THAT MARSHALL WAS IN ILL HEALTH OR THAT THEY SUSPECTED THAT
HE MIGHT ATTEMPT SUICIDE.

INVESTIGATION BY ROBERTON COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE [REDACTED] b6
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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NUMEROUS PRESS REPORTERS NOW IN
FRANKLIN.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REQUESTING HOUSTON TO INTERVIEW
FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF ASCS AT BRYAN, TEXAS, AND WIFE OF
MARSHALL, WHO RESIDES AT BRYAN, TEXAS, WHERE MARSHALL FORMERLY STATIONED
HOUSTON SHOULD NOT CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS REQUESTED BY
THE BUREAU. HOUSTON BEING REQUESTED TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICIALS WHO CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION, AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS
AT BRYAN WHO HANDLED EMBALMING AND FUNERAL, BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

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Incoming reflects partial results of investigation into the death of Marshall, an Agriculture employee, who was engaged in an investigation of Estes at the time of his death. Incoming shows conclusion of local authorities that matter was suicide. However, in

[REDACTED]
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is being conducted.

Houston has been instructed to conduct the requested investigation.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
FROM SAC DALLAS 58-188
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DALLAS TEL MAY TEN LAST.

USDA, DALLAS LOCATED TWO ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS CORP., NYC, AS ASSIGNEE OF ESTES UNITED ELEVATORS, LEAVING DIFF-
ERENCE OF TEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND FIFTYSIX CENTS
BETWEEN USDA TOTAL AND TOTAL FURNISHED BY NYC AGENTS AS OBTAINED
FROM CSC, LATTER BEING HIGHER.

PERSON IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] TEXAS, CONTACTED FROM
ESTES UNLISTED PHONE, PECOS, FEBRUARY TWO LAST, IDENTIFIED
AS [REDACTED] CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, RATHER THAN SUBJECT
RALPH.

NEWSPAPERS OVER WEEKEND REFLECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE IN DALLAS TODAY.

LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON TONIGHT, AFTER INTERVIEWING ESTES IN OFFICE
OF ATTORNEY, AUSTIN, TEXAS, SUNDAY, REFUSED TO ADVISE PRESS OF
DETAILS OF CONVERSATION. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT WHICH REFLECTS ALL
INVESTIGATION BRIBERY ASPECTS TO DATE WILL BE FORWARDED TOMORROW.

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FROM SAC, HOUSTON /58-111
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-23704)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (87-5025)
 RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES
 ITSP - BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ReButel dated 5/11/62 regarding the death of
 HENRY MARSHALL at Franklin, Texas, on 6/3/61.

There are enclosed herewith an original and three
 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting investigation
 conducted into this matter.

All interviews conducted at Franklin, Texas, on
 5/12/62, were conducted by Special Agents [redacted]
 [redacted] The interview with [redacted] at
 [redacted] Texas, on 5/14/62, was conducted by SA [redacted]

Included with the memorandum are press clippings.

Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau are articles
 from the Hearne Democrat, Hearne, Texas, dated 5/4/62,
 5/11/62 and from the Bryan Daily Eagle, Bryan, Texas,
 dated 5/11/62 and 5/13/62. The Hearne Democrat is the only
 newspaper of any consequence located in the area of Franklin,
 Texas.

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In addition to the information set out in letterhead memorandum concerning the check of the Austin, Texas papers, the morgues of the San Antonio daily newspapers, the Express and News and the Light were checked, however, no articles could be located around the time of HENRY MARSHALL's death. Recent articles dealing with the BILLIE SOL ESTES case and the death of HENRY MARSHALL were located which have not been forwarded to the Bureau but which are available in the San Antonio office.

As set forth in San Antonio teletype to the Bureau dated 5/15/62, [REDACTED] HENRY MARSHALL, was interviewed on 5/15/62, concerning the death of HENRY MARSHALL. [REDACTED] was not available for interview and is expected to be interviewed on 5/16/62. Upon the completion of the interview with [REDACTED] a separate letterhead memorandum reflecting the interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be submitted to the Bureau.

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Robertson County Grand Jury Seeks Information

Recent articles in two of the state's daily newspapers concerning the death of Henry Marshall on June 3, 1961 at his farm east of Franklin has prompted the Robertson County grand jury to call for anyone in possession of information which might be contrary to the verdict of suicide—rendered by Justice of the Peace Lee Farmer to make such facts known.

The articles—one appearing in the Waco News-Tribune of April 18, 1962 and the other a day later in the Dallas Morning News—reported that the U. S. Department of Agriculture had renewed interest in Marshall's death.

Marshall, a program director specialist in the Texas office of Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) of the department was investigating transfer of cotton acreage allotments in West Texas at the time of his death, according to the articles.

The Waco paper said a spokesman in Washington referred to information available to the USDA which indicated Marshall was murdered. The Dallas paper observed that the agency with which Marshall was connected has as deputy administrator E. E. Jacobs. Following testimony at a

court of inquiry into Billie Sol Estes' dealings with USDA officials, Jacobs resigned.

Henry Marshall of Bryan was found by his brother about 1½ hours after his death with 4 (or 5) bullet wounds in his chest from a .22 caliber rifle. The shirt he was wearing was examined by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Report of the examination said the shots were fired from a gun placed against the abdomen.

Both Sheriff Howard Stegall and District Attorney Bryan Russ agreed with Farmer's verdict in JP court when interviewed by newsmen.

As reported in one article, Russ said he had not had any contact with anyone in Washington concerning the case and that the only indication of any new interest in the case had come from newsmen.

Monday's resolution by the Robertson County grand jury indicates a "put up or shut up" attitude.

The resolution as prepared and adopted by the grand jury reads as follows:

The State of Texas
County of Robertson

We, the Grand Jury of the January Term, A. D. 1962, of Robertson County, Texas, having had this day brought to our attention a statement carried in some of the newspapers of this state, of and from an unnamed representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C., relative to and respective to the death of Henry Marshall in June of 1961 in this County; and

WHEREAS, this Grand Jury is extremely anxious and desirous of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, or any subsidiary agent thereof, or of any individual, person or other association that has any knowledge or credible evidence of, pertaining to or concerning the death of the said Henry Marshall, to appear before this body and make known to the Grand Jury such evidence or facts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grand Jury of Robertson County, Texas, in meeting duly assembled on this the 30th day of April, A. D. 1962, that invitation and request is hereby made to anyone having or knowing any evidence concerning the death of Henry Marshall to immediately make such facts known to this Grand Jury. Received and approved in open court. John M. Barron, Judge.

E: BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP-BRIBERY
SA- 87-5025
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THE HEARNE DEMOCRAT
HEARNE, TEXAS
May 4, 1962

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Nations Papers Continue To Link Estes-Marshall

Big names and the big deals of Billie Sol Estes continue to be linked in the nation's newspapers with the June, 1961 death of Henry Marshall, an Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service program director, on his farm near Franklin.

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman named Marshall as a "key figure" in the Estes case; an investigator for the U. S. Senate subcommittee headed by Senator John L. McClellan paid a visit to Robertson County district attorney Bryan Russ earlier this week; and Attorney General Will Wilson has also made telephone inquiry on the matter.

Marshall's death by gunshot was ruled suicide by Justice of the Peace Lee Farmer of Franklin and he, Sheriff Howard Stegall and Russ have been kept busy with telephone interviews by reporters of newspapers both in and out of the state.

All three county officials have repeatedly stated their belief that a suicide verdict was the only one that could have been rendered.

Russ, who kept an appointment with Attorney General Will Wilson Thursday in Austin to discuss the case, said Wednesday that no factual information had been presented to the Robertson County grand jury to cast doubt on the propriety of the verdict.

Russ said Wednesday that, in light of existing facts, a suicide verdict is the only reasonable one.

"All we have to go on," said Russ, "is that Marshall was found dead with five bullet wounds in his abdomen from a bolt-action .22 caliber rifle found near the body; indications from markings on the sandy ground that he rolled, bled and suffered in agony for about five hours before he died; no foot prints nearby other than his own; his glasses folded neatly and placed on the seat of his pick-up truck along with the total contents of his pockets including two razor blades."

Laboratory examination of Marshall's shirt showed powder burns indicating that the gun's muzzle was pressed against him. An untouched sack lunch was found. When the body was found about 6 p. m. there were indications that he had been dead only an hour.

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Strange Death of Bryan Man Brings Wilson to Robertson

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THE BRYAN DAILY EAGLE
BRYAN, TEXAS
May 11, 1962

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AG To Discuss Marshall Case

By MILT HARTSELL
Eagle City Editor

Texas Attorney General Will Wilson was scheduled today to personally step into the investigation of the mysterious death of Henry Marshall last year in Robertson County.

Wilson, who has been investigating the Billie Sol Estes case, was to confer with Bryan Russ, Robertson County attorney, in Hearne this afternoon.

Russ said in Hearne today that he could not speculate on what in particular the attorney general wished to discuss, but that it was in connection with the Marshall case. Marshall was a resident of Bryan at the time of his death.

A veil of secrecy and a multitude of unconfirmed rumors has surrounded the Marshall case since Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman issued a recent statement concerning the death of the chief of production adjustment for the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office.

Freeman's statement was in connection with Estes' cotton allotment lease-back arrangements.

Lewis David, executive director of the Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Service here says that his department has not requested an investigation into the death of Marshall, which occurred in Robertson County last year.

"I do not know of any investigation that is being conducted by our department at this time," he says. David did report that he had been informed that FBI agents and members of a congressional investigation team have been working in Robertson County.

ONE REASON it's so difficult to get to the bottom of Estes' dealings in cotton allotments, Freeman said, is that Marshall — the "key figure" in the case is "not alive."

Robertson County Sheriff Howard Stegall said earlier this week that an agricultural official had questioned him about a possible connection between Marshall and Estes.

"I told him I thought that there was no connection between Marshall and Estes," Mrs. Marshall told reporters earlier. "My husband never mentioned that man's name."

The sheriff pointed out that he agreed with Farmer's verdict of suicide. "I think Marshall had made some bad loans which couldn't be repaid. But I don't think he was in a bad financial condition."

ACCORDING TO reports, Marshall shot himself five times with a bolt action 22-calibre rifle which necessitated cocking the gun prior to firing each round.

The sheriff stated that powder burns were found on the agriculture official's body, indicating the gun muzzle was pressed against him for all five shots. The rifle was found near the body but a complete set of fingerprints were not obtained from the weapon, according to official sources.

IN DALLAS, William F. Elliot, an investigator with the ASC, would neither affirm nor deny that his office is checking into the suicidal shooting of Marshall.

In a telephone conversation with a Bryan Daily Eagle reporter, Elliot said that he was in no position to give out any information on the subject. "I don't care to comment on the matter," he says.

Marshall was found dead last June in Robertson County with five bullet wounds in his abdomen and his death was ruled, some time later, as suicidal by Justice of the Peace Lee Farmer at Franklin.

The recent interest in the case has been stimulated by a statement issued Monday in Washington by Orville Freeman, head of the USDA.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL IN HEARNE

Attorney General Will Wilson, right, views the official records concerning the Henry H. Marshall suicide with Robertson County Attorney Bryan Russ Friday at Russ' office in Hearne. Wilson, following a closed session with the Hearne lawyer, referred to the suicide verdict as the "only reasonable" explanation concerning the Bryan agriculture official's death. (Eagle Photo by Gene Dennis.)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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THE BRYAN DAILY EAGLE
BRYAN, TEXAS
May 13, 1962

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AG Says Marshall Case 'Strange but Reasonable'

By MILT HARTSELL
Eagle City Editor

HEARNE — Attorney General Will Wilson tabbed the Henry H. Marshall suicide case as "very strange" but went on to add that the official verdict is the only "reasonable explanation that has been offered."

Wilson aired his views on the matter here Friday afternoon following a closed session conference with Bryan Russ, Robertson County Attorney.

Immediately after conferring for almost an hour with Russ at his private law offices here, Wilson conducted a short press conference.

He referred to the 1961 death of the Bryan agriculture official — which was officially termed as suicide five days later as "a very strange case in many ways."

He made reference to the fact that Marshall had been shot five times with a bolt-action 22-caliber rifle which required re-cocking after each shot.

"It is very difficult to conceive a man shooting himself five times," said the Attorney General, an incident which he later classified as "very implausible."

Speaking in deliberate manner, the judge said that he realized that the verdict of suicide is implausible but that the indication of any assassination is "even more implausible."

"It doesn't have the earmarks of a hired killing," he added as he told the group that the suicide verdict is the most reasonable explanation in view of all the evidence that he had received from the official reports in Russ' files.

ON THE MATTER of further investigation into the shooting, Wilson stated "I have no suggestions for the officials here. There is nothing to investigate that they haven't investigated so far."

He said the case would remain dormant until further evidence — either voluntary or

through continued investigations into Billie Sol Estes' multi-facet operations might shed new light on the matter.

The Attorney General says that he has "repeatedly" asked agriculture officials for records involving work being conducted by Marshall on the Estes case at the time of the ACS official's death.

"All his records have been classified as confidential," he added and went on to say that his attempts have been unsuccessful thus far.

WILSON DIDN'T indicate that any officials from his office would check into the suicide verdict but he did hint that he was curious about the motivation behind the shooting.

Russ, conversing with reporters prior to the Attorney General's arrival, issued the following statement:

"All creditable evidence at our disposal on June 3, 1961 and in the days afterward led to the conclusion of suicide and we are still of that opinion and belief.

"And we have not found further evidence that would indicate otherwise," he continued.

Russ advanced several theories as to the motivation behind the suicide plot. "We were informed that, at the time, he (Marshall) had been sick," Russ added that information showed that Marshall had a knot on his head "which he believed to be cancer." He also discussed reports that friends and associates had classified Marshall's actions during the weeks prior to his death as "very strange."

Russ, in emphasizing his stand on the matter, believes the suicide verdict is correct. But he added, "If we are mistaken about this — nobody wants to know more than we do." He invited anyone that might have any constructive leads in the matter to contact him.

HE HASTILY added that until more evidence is presented that he doesn't intend to go "witch-hunting."

"All we have to go on," said the Robertson County attorney, "is that Marshall was found dead with five bullet wounds in his abdomen from a bolt-action 22 caliber rifle found near the body; indications from markings on the sandy ground that he rolled, bled and suffered in agony for about five hours before he died; no foot prints nearby other than his own; his glasses folded neatly and placed on the seat of his pick-up truck along with the total contents of his pockets including two razor blades."

Wilson returned to Austin following the stop here to continue work on the Estes case. He had been in Jacksonville for a funeral earlier in the day and stopped to confer with Russ en route back to the capital.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

May 15, 1962

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

On May 12, 1962, HOWARD STEGALL, Robertson County Sheriff, Franklin, Texas, advised that at approximately 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. on June 3, 1961, [redacted] to HENRY H. MARSHALL, contacted him at Franklin, Texas, and advised him that he had found MARSHALL on MARSHALL's farm near Franklin, Texas, and that MARSHALL had been shot, and was dead. [redacted] requested that STEGALL contact MARSHALL's

[redacted] Texas, and advise [redacted] death. Mr. STEGALL advised that [redacted] was very excited and could hardly talk. STEGALL went to [redacted] and as he drove up in front of the house [redacted] came out of the house to his car and before he had time to tell her about her husband she said, "Oh, he has gone and done it." Mr. STEGALL stated that he then told [redacted] that he did not know what she was talking about, at which time [redacted] again remarked, "Oh, he has done it and I know who caused it, [redacted]"

Mr. STEGALL stated that this indicated to him that even though he had not advised [redacted] of her husband's death she knew by his presence that her husband had committed suicide. Mr. STEGALL also explained the latter statement concerning [redacted] by saying that Mr. MARSHALL had loaned [redacted] Texas some money and because of financial difficulties [redacted] had been unable to repay Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. STEGALL stated that because of this there had been some ill feeling between the [redacted] but nothing which would indicate any gun play or murder. Mr. STEGALL stated that his impression of [redacted] statement was definitely to the effect that she thought that her husband had committed

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suicide because of [redacted] and not that [redacted] had harmed Mr. MARSHALL.

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Mr. STEGALL then told [redacted] death and told her that he did not know what caused it, that he had not been out there as yet. Mr. STEGALL stated that he then picked up [redacted] and the three of them, STEGALL, [redacted] started out to MARSHALL's farm. Shortly after their leaving Franklin en route to the farm, they met [redacted] HENRY MARSHALL, whom they stopped on the highway. Upon advising [redacted] "I can't see why he did it because I know [redacted] wouldn't give him any reason to do it."

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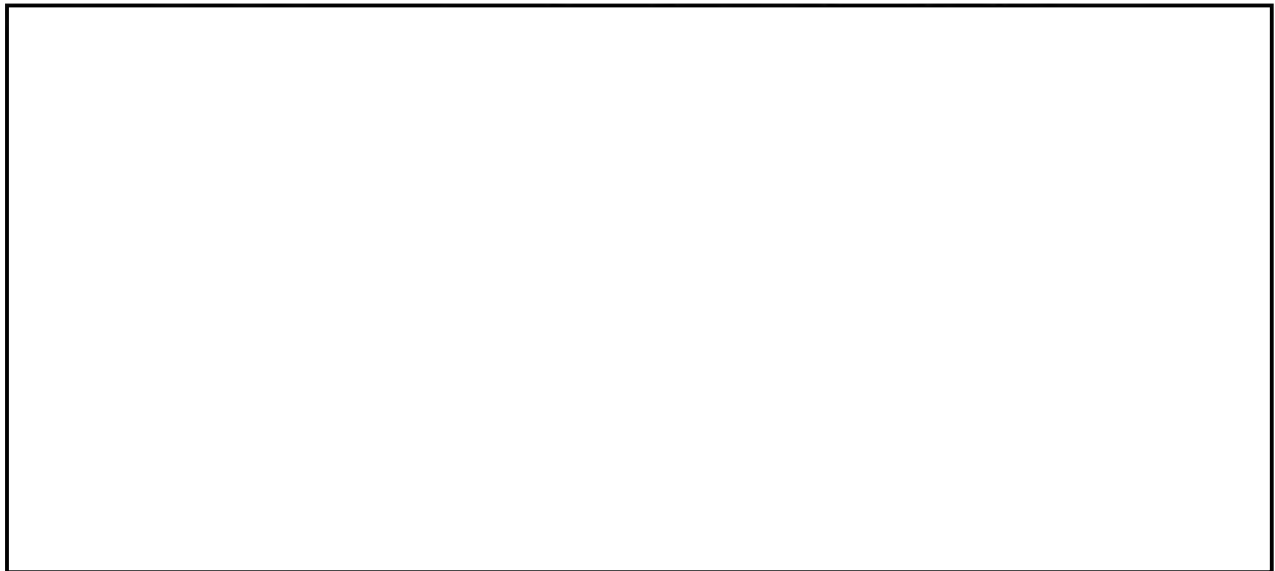
Mr. STEGALL also stated that [redacted] remarked that they had been trying to keep someone with MARSHALL at all times, indicating to him that they thought there was a possibility of MARSHALL's committing suicide. Mr. STEGALL stated that then the four of them went on to MARSHALL's farm.

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Upon arriving at Mr. MARSHALL's farm which is located about 10 miles north of Franklin, Texas, at about 6:30 or 7:00 p.m., which was near dusk, Mr. STEGALL stated that he immediately looked for car tracks going into the area where Mr. MARSHALL's pickup truck was located. He stated that the weeds were approximately knee high in that area and he could see no car tracks leading into the area other than the tracks made by Mr. MARSHALL's pickup truck. Mr. STEGALL stated that upon arriving at Mr. MARSHALL's pickup truck [redacted]

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STEGALL then said that he allowed [redacted] whom he had previously called from the Riddle Funeral Home to place Mr. MARSHALL's body in an ambulance to return him to Franklin, Texas.

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STEGALL said that from interviewing relatives he learned that on the morning of June 3, 1961, HENRY MARSHALL [redacted] drove from their home at Bryan, Texas, to Franklin, Texas, where Mr. MARSHALL left [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. MARSHALL was to return for [redacted] at approximately 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. When he did not return at approximately 4:00 p.m., [redacted] contacted [redacted] and requested him to go to the farm to look for her husband as she thought something might be wrong.

[redacted] then advised MARSHALL [redacted] who also went to the farm to look for HENRY MARSHALL and also [redacted] picked up a man by the name of [redacted] REA at Franklin, Texas, and he and [redacted] went to the farm looking for MARSHALL, where they found him dead.



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investigation at the place where MARSHALL's body was found, the statements made by MARSHALL's relatives to the effect that they thought there was a possibility that MARSHALL might commit suicide and the results of the examinations by the Texas Department of Public Safety Laboratory, there was not then, nor is there now, any doubts in his mind but that MARSHALL committed suicide. He also said that although there have been rumors recently to the effect that MARSHALL might have been murdered, no one has come up with any evidence to this effect.

According to STEGALL, shortly after MARSHALL's death, [redacted] came to him on several different occasions to get him to change the ruling on MARSHALL's death from "death by gunshot - self inflicted" to "death by gunshot - by persons unknown." He stated that he finally told [redacted] that he would not consider such a thing and subsequently she hired Judge W. S. BARON of Bryan, Texas, to reopen the case. Judge BARON also contacted him regarding getting the ruling changed, but STEGALL refused to do so as the circumstances did not justify it.

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STEGALL advised that several days ago [redacted] Captain, Texas Rangers, Department of Public Safety, Waco, Texas, came to Franklin, Texas, and took possession of the .22 caliber bolt action rifle which rifle was found near MARSHALL's body. Mr. STEGALL stated that this rifle had been returned to [redacted] shortly after Mr. MARSHALL's death at [redacted] request. STEGALL stated that so far as he knows the clothing and empty .22 rifle shells are in custody of [redacted] of Robertson County.

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STEGALL stated that after MARSHALL's body was returned to Franklin, Texas, by the Riddle Funeral Home, he recontacted [redacted] who requested that the body be turned over to the Calloway and Jones Funeral Home of Bryan, Texas. He stated that same night the Calloway and Jones Funeral Home came to Franklin, Texas, and picked up MARSHALL's body. Mr. STEGALL was not aware of the exact date of MARSHALL's funeral nor where he was buried.

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STEGALL advised that although MARSHALL owns a farm at Franklin, Texas, he has not resided there for many years but has resided at Bryan, Texas, where he was employed by the

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United States Department of Agriculture. He stated that little is known of his personal life, but there have been rumors that MARSHALL and his wife have had marital difficulties. He was of the opinion that this might have been the motive for MARSHALL's suicide.

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[redacted] Robertson County, Franklin, Texas, advised that he has been [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he is not an attorney and that one of his duties as [redacted] is to hold inquests at deaths where physicians are not in attendance at the time of the death. He stated that he is not required to call in a doctor unless he desires to do so.

[redacted] advised that on June 3, 1961, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. he was notified by Mr. HOWARD STEGALL, Robertson County Sheriff, that HENRY H. MARSHALL's body had been found on his farm which was located some 10 miles north of Franklin, Texas. He stated that he was advised that MARSHALL had been shot and was dead. [redacted] stated that the Sheriff and [redacted] MARSHALL, came by his [redacted] house at approximately 7:00 p.m. and picked him up and the three of them started to [redacted] farm. Shortly after leaving Franklin they met [redacted] HENRY MARSHALL [redacted] at which time they stopped and advised [redacted] what had happened. [redacted] then got into the Sheriff's car, into the back seat with [redacted] and the four of them started to MARSHALL's farm. [redacted] remarked to [redacted] he did "not see why HENRY did it." [redacted] stated that later [redacted] remarked, "I thought some of them were with him, if I had known that they weren't I would have gone with him." [redacted] stated that he presumed by this statement that [redacted] and other members of the family thought that there was a possibility that Mr. MARSHALL might commit suicide. [redacted] stated that on the way back from the farm after they had conducted their investigation, [redacted] told him that he knew that HENRY MARSHALL had a bad heart but never thought that he would do that, indicating committing suicide.

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[redacted] advised that from the family's statements to the effect that they thought there was a possibility of MARSHALL's committing suicide, the evidence found at the scene, and as there was nothing to indicate otherwise, he was definitely of the opinion that it was a case of suicide. He stated, however, that he did not rule on the death immediately, but considered it for several days and when nothing to the contrary was developed, on June 12, 1961, he ruled "Death by gunshot, self-inflicted."

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[redacted] advised that late that same night someone from the funeral home at Bryan, Texas, called him and told him that the FBI was at the funeral home checking and

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taking photographs of Mr. MARSHALL and they wondered if he wanted to come to Bryan. [] stated that the caller did not say anything about having reason to believe that Mr. MARSHALL was murdered and, therefore, he told the individual that he could see no reason for his coming to Bryan. [] stated that he later learned that the individual doing the checking and taking the photographs was not an FBI Agent, but was [] of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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[] advised that [] of HENRY MARSHALL came to him two or three times following [] asking him to change his ruling from death by gunshot - self-inflicted. He stated that each time he told [] that there was no evidence to justify such a change. He stated that she finally became so persistent that he asked her why she wanted it changed, if there were some insurance involved, at which time she said that she wanted it changed as she did not want her son to grow up knowing that his father had killed himself. [] stated that as there was no evidence to indicate otherwise, he refused to change his original ruling in the matter.

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[] stated that the records of his office reflect that MARSHALL was buried at Franklin, Texas, but does not reflect the date. He also advised that after the BILLIE SOL ESTES matter came up and the rumors concerning MARSHALL's involvement with ESTES started floating around they took the case before the Robertson County Grand Jury, which Grand Jury saw no reason to change the original ruling in this case.

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[] stated that the Grand Jury did, however, call for anyone having possession of information which might be contrary to the verdict of suicide in this case to make such facts known to the authorities who could investigate the matter.

On May 12, 1962, [] of the Riddle Funeral Home at Franklin, Texas, advised at approximately 6:30 p.m. on June 3, 1961, he received a call from HOWARD STEGALL, Robertson County Sheriff, Franklin, Texas, who told him that they needed an ambulance and that he would come by the funeral home and that [] could follow him to the place where Mr. HENRY MARSHALL's body was found. [] stated that Mr. STEGALL came by the funeral

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home, together with [REDACTED] HENRY MARSHALL [REDACTED] and he followed them out on the highway east of Franklin, Texas. [REDACTED] stated that they had gone only a short distance when they met [REDACTED] HENRY MARSHALL. He stated that they stopped and [REDACTED] got into the car with the Sheriff. He stated that when they stopped and the Sheriff told [REDACTED] what had happened, MARSHALL remarked, "I knew that I should have stayed with him today." [REDACTED] stated that from MARSHALL's statement he presumed that HENRY MARSHALL had committed suicide.

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[REDACTED] stated that they they proceeded to MARSHALL's farm which was located approximately 10 miles north of Franklin, Texas. He stated that upon arriving there they found [REDACTED] REA at Franklin, Texas, who had gone to the farm previously with [REDACTED] MARSHALL [REDACTED] to look for MARSHALL. [REDACTED] stated that the Sheriff and the Justice of the Peace conducted an examination of the area after having determined that MARSHALL was dead. [REDACTED] stated that when they arrived MARSHALL's body was still warm and apparently

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[REDACTED] stated that in Mr. MARSHALL's truck on the seat on the driver's side were his watch, his glasses, a box of .22 shells with several missing, all stacked in a neat pile.

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placed the hand over the wound on his left side. [redacted] stated that after [redacted] and HOWARD STEGALL, the Sheriff, had completed their investigation, he loaded MARSHALL's body into his ambulance and drove it back to the Riddle Funeral Home. He stated that Mr. STEGALL advised him that [redacted] wanted the Calloway-Jones Funeral Home at Bryan, Texas, to pick up Mr. MARSHALL's body and take it to Bryan. He stated that in view of this, after arriving in Franklin, Texas, he left Mr. MARSHALL's body in the ambulance until [redacted] of the Calloway-Jones Funeral Home arrived in Franklin at approximately 9:00 p.m. He stated that when [redacted] arrived in Franklin at the Riddle Funeral Home they transferred Mr. MARSHALL's body from the Riddle ambulance to the Calloway-Jones ambulance for transfer to Bryan. [redacted] stated that while transferring the body he and [redacted] examined Mr. MARSHALL's body at which time they saw the five bullet wounds on the left side of Mr. MARSHALL's abdomen.

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[redacted] stated that shortly after [redacted] got to Bryan, Texas, he called [redacted] by long-distance telephone and asked him for the name of the Justice of the Peace at Franklin, Texas. [redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that he thought that it was a case of murder and wanted to talk with the Justice of the Peace. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not indicate to him why he thought it was murder.

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[redacted] stated that approximately a month after Mr. MARSHALL's death, [redacted] came by the funeral home and talked to him for some time. He stated that [redacted] told him that she thought that her husband was murdered but did not give any reason why she thought so. He stated, however, that [redacted] did give him several reasons why Mr. MARSHALL would not commit suicide. He said that [redacted] told him that Mr. MARSHALL was in good financial shape, that he had a good job, and did not have any reason to commit suicide. She stated that he loved his home and there was no reason for his committing suicide. [redacted] stated that it appeared to him that [redacted] wanted someone to "side" with her. [redacted] stated that he told [redacted] that from his observation of the place where Mr. MARSHALL was found and of Mr. MARSHALL's body it appeared to him that Mr. MARSHALL had committed suicide. He stated that it is still his opinion that MARSHALL committed

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suicide in view of the way he saw things at the scene--the neat arrangement of Mr. MARSHALL's personal items in the seat of his truck, the powder burns on Mr. MARSHALL's shirt, and the way the body was found.

On May 12, 1962, [redacted] Robertson County Texas, advised that he did not go to the scene where Mr. MARSHALL's body was found on June 3, 1961, but did go out to MARSHALL's farm on June 4, 1961, and looked the scene over to determine if he could obtain any information which would indicate anything other than a suicide. [redacted] stated that he knows that it was Mr. MARSHALL's habit to visit his farm at Franklin, Texas, every Saturday and that he spent most of the day working on his farm. He stated that their investigation revealed that on this particular Saturday, although it was still early in the afternoon, for some unknown reason [redacted] became worried about her husband and contacted her [redacted] and requested that he go to the farm and look for MARSHALL. [redacted] advised that this, in his opinion, indicated that [redacted] was probably worried about MARSHALL's committing suicide.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that HENRY MARSHALL had had several heart attacks and was in ill health and that he also had a knot on his back which he thought was cancer. [redacted] stated [redacted] also told this same thing to [redacted] of the Department of Public Safety at Bryan, Texas, but that [redacted] now denies having told either of them this. [redacted] advised that he knows of his own knowledge that MARSHALL had had several heart attacks. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] told him that the .22 rifle which was found near MARSHALL's body was the same rifle which MARSHALL always carried with him.

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[redacted] also advised that it is strictly a rumor, but that he has heard that MARSHALL and his wife were having marital difficulties which could be a motive for his suicide.

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[redacted] advised that on the morning of June 4, 1961, the only piece of evidence he found at the scene was an empty .22 shell which he found near the scene where MARSHALL's body was found. He stated that he sent this empty shell together with two empty shells which he fired from the rifle found at the scene to the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas, and their examination of these three empty shells revealed that they were all fired from the same gun.

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[redacted] also advised that they sent MARSHALL's clothing to the Department of Public Safety Laboratory

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[redacted] stated that his examination of the area where MARSHALL's body was found did not reveal that any other cars had been in the area.

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[redacted] advised that since the "BILLIE SOL ESTES" matter has come up there have been a number of rumors to the effect that MARSHALL might have been killed because of his connection with ESTES, but there has been absolutely no evidence to this effect turned over to them. He stated that the Sheriff's Office is

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still open for any type of evidence which might indicate murder, rather than suicide, and that any facts will be investigated.

On May 14, 1962, [redacted] Robertson County Hearne, Texas, advised that it is his opinion that [redacted] and HOWARD STEGALL, Sheriff of Robertson County, conducted a very thorough investigation into the death of HENRY MARSHALL and he is thoroughly in agreement with their verdict of suicide. [redacted] advised that he did not conduct any investigation into the matter himself, but, after reviewing with [redacted] and STEGALL the facts of the case, he is in accord with their verdict. [redacted] also advised that on June 3, 1961, he talked personally with [redacted] HENRY MARSHALL, who told him that MARSHALL had been acting strangely for several weeks preceding his death. [redacted] told him that MARSHALL had heart trouble and had a bed in his office where he rested daily. [redacted] also told him that MARSHALL had a knot on his back which he, MARSHALL, thought was cancer. [redacted] also told [redacted] that MARSHALL had made the remark to him that he had better get the cemetery lot cleaned off as they would need it. [redacted] also told [redacted] that on several occasions recently MARSHALL had taken him to some "feeder pens" where he feeds his cattle on his farm, for no apparent reason other than the fact that MARSHALL might have been contemplating suicide at that spot and that when he did not show up [redacted] would know where to locate him. [redacted] stated that it was near the "feeder pens" where they found MARSHALL's body.

[redacted] stated that shortly after MARSHALL's death [redacted] sent an [redacted] of Bryan, Texas, [redacted]

[redacted] that the facts did not justify such a change.

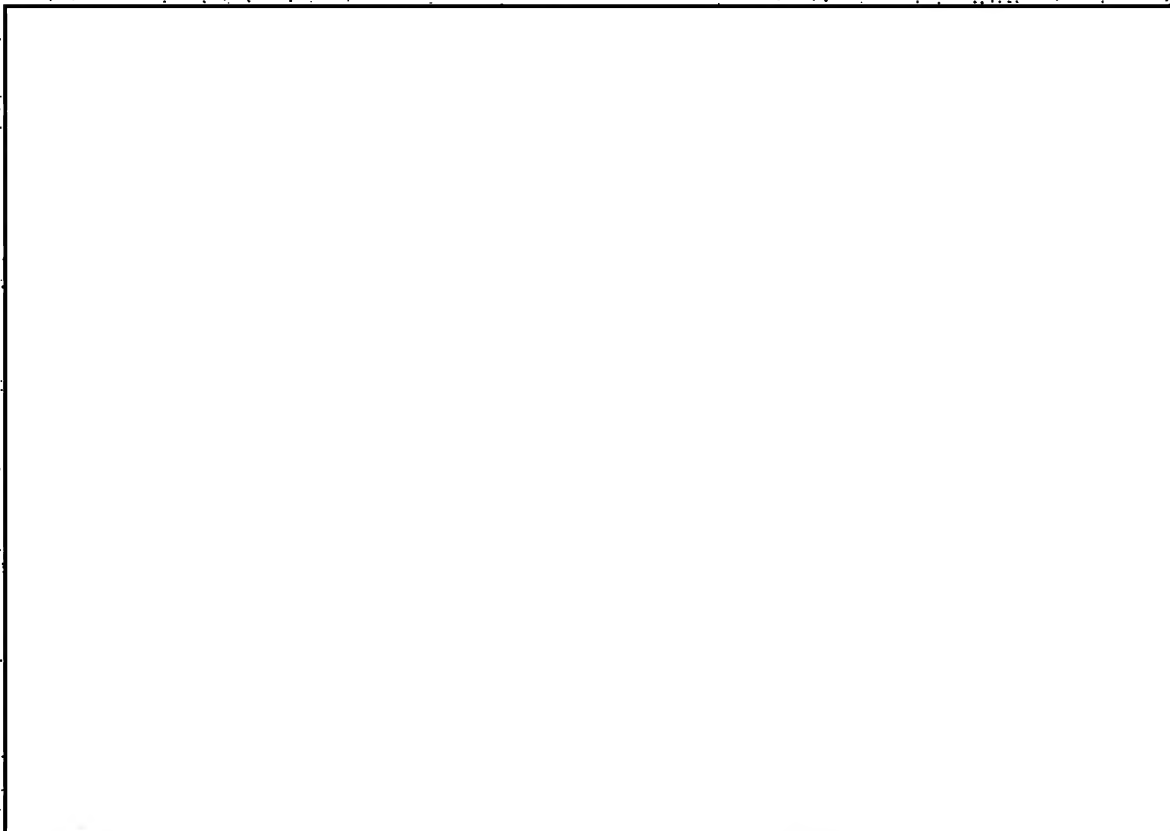
[redacted] advised that two empty .22 shells fired from the gun found near MARSHALL's body was sent to the Department of Public Safety Laboratory at Austin, Texas,

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[redacted] also advised that [redacted] of the Texas Department of Public Safety at Bryan, Texas, took photographs of MARSHALL's body on June 3, 1961. copies of which were in [redacted] possession but [redacted] advised that in his way of thinking these photographs did not reveal anything unusual.

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[redacted] advised that he interviewed employees of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Bryan who advised him that the U. S. Department of Agriculture was considering retiring Mr. MARSHALL at the time of his death because of ill health. [redacted] stated that he understands that MARSHALL was aware of this.

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[redacted] advised that several days ago Captain [redacted] of the Texas Rangers at Waco, Texas, picked up the empty shells and the .22 caliber bolt-action rifle which belonged to MARSHALL and these are presently in his custody. He stated that he understands that Captain [redacted] picked these up at the request of HOMER GARRISON, Director of the Department of Public Safety, Austin.

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[redacted] advised also that on Friday, May 11, 1962, Texas Attorney General WILL WILSON came by his office at Hearne, Texas, and reviewed instant case with him and agreed with him that the only reasonable verdict in this case was suicide. [redacted] stated that the only other investigation Mr. WILSON suggested in this case was possibly looking into the financial background of MARSHALL in an effort to determine whether or not he might possibly have received a considerable amount of money at one time, indicating a possible bribe taken from BILLIE SOL ESTES. [redacted] stated that he does not intend to make any active investigation in this regard, but does plan on making some discreet inquiries.

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He further stated that, in his opinion, MARSHALL committed suicide and there is no evidence or any reason to indicate otherwise. According to [redacted] there has never been any mention made by any MARSHALL's relatives to the effect that they think there might possibly be any connection between MARSHALL and ESTES.

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SA 87-5025

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON:

On May 14, 1962, Col. HOMER GARRISON, Director, Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, informed that the Texas Department of Public Safety was not asked to conduct any investigation at the time of HENRY H. MARSHALL's death. Col. GARRISON stated that the Department of Public Safety did not have any reason to suspect that there was anything other than suicide. He stated that he recalled the Department of Public Safety Laboratory did make some examination and this information is available to the FBI. Col. GARRISON said that in view of information developed in connection with ESTES case about May 7, 1962, he instructed Captain [redacted] Waco, Texas, to "look into the situation at Franklin, Texas". Col. GARRISON stated that he has not received any information from Captain [redacted] concerning Capt. [redacted] inquiry into the death of HENRY H. MARSHALL.

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Mr. TISDALE said that no other examination was conducted by the Department of Public Safety at the request of Sheriff or anyone else.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

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AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

A review of the Austin American and Austin Statesman newspapers on May 14, 1962, revealed the following articles:

Article from the Austin American dated Tuesday, June 6, 1961, page one, under Bryan dateline, AP Wire Service:

"FARM CHIEF FOUND SLAIN NEAR BRYAN"

"Farm Expert HENRY H. MARSHALL, 52, was found shot to death Saturday on his farm near Franklin. Five bullet wounds were in his abdomen and Justice of Peace withheld a verdict Monday.

"MARSHALL was Chief of the Production Adjustment Section of the State Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee, a job he had held sixteen years.

"He was responsible under the State Committee for administration of acreage allotments and marketing programs for cotton, wheat, peanuts, rice, tobacco, sugar beets and the new 1961 Federal Grains Program.

"Justice of the Peace LEE FARMER said an investigation still is in progress and that he could give only a tentative ruling of the death by gunshot wounds of undetermined sources."

Article from the Austin Statesman, dated Tuesday, June 6, 1961, Bryan dateline, AP Wire Service, page thirteen:

"FARM CHIEF SHOT DEAD AT BRYAN"

"HENRY H. MARSHALL, 52 years old, Chief of the Production Adjustment Section of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee was shot to death Monday.

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"A verdict in the case was withheld by Justice of the Peace LEE FARMER until an investigation is completed.

"MARSHALL drove with his eleven year old son, DONALD, to the farm. He left the boy at the farm house. When he did not return, he called his mother who went to the farm with a relative and found the body.

"MARSHALL was responsible for administration of acreage allotments and marketing programs for cotton, wheat, peanuts, rice, tobacco, sugar beets and the 1961 Federal Grains Program."

Five Wounds In Stomach

H. Marshall Found Dead In Woods Near Franklin

Henry H. Marshall, 52, was found dead in the woods near Franklin on one of his farms Saturday with five bullet wounds in his stomach. Sheriff Howard Stegall and his deputies are still investigating the death.

Justice of the Peace Lee Farmer said the wounds were made by .22 calibre bullets but that since the investigation was incomplete he could only give a tentative ruling of "death by gunshot wounds from undetermined sources."

THE BODY OF Mr. Marshall was found by L. M. Owens, a nephew of Mrs. Marshall. (Members of the family are quoted as saying that Marshall was in poor health and subject to depression, the sheriff said.)

Mr. Marshall had driven to his farm north of Franklin in a pickup, taking his 11-year-old son, Donald, with him. He left the son at a farm house before driving to the pasture and when he failed to return by 4 p. m. to pick up the son the search began.

Funeral services for Mr. Marshall were held at the First Methodist Church of Bryan Monday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Morris House officiating. Burial was in the Franklin Cemetery. Assisting in the funeral services was the Rev. D. Townes Windham.

MR. MARSHALL was born in Franklin on December 18, 1909. He had been a resident of Bryan for 19 years and with the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 26 years.

In 1958 Mr. Marshall was honored by state ASC officials with an Outstanding Performance Award. He received additional recognition for his work in 1959 when he received the federal agriculture department's Superior Service Award which was presented by the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D. C.

Survivors include his wife, Sybil Owens Marshall, and the son of Bryan; a brother, Robert Marshall of Franklin; and a sister, Mrs. Sneed Bonner, of Franklin.

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THE HEARNE DEMOCRAT
HEARNE, TEXAS
June 9, 1961

POSSIBLE ESTES TIE-IN PROBED

Did Marshall Commit Suicide? Views Conflict on ASCS Man

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
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By THOMAS TURNER

Central Texas Bureau of The News
FRANKLIN, Texas—No fiction
at all plot has ever posed more
questions than the death of a
quiet, capable government of-
ficial named Henry Harvey Mar-
shall.

There are more answers than
there are questions, which only
makes matters worse. People
close to the situation give sincere
— and conflicting views. The
same persons sometimes give dif-
ferent answers on different days.

The two main questions about
the death of the veteran U.S. De-
partment of Agriculture official
are simply: Did he commit sui-
cide, as three conscientious elec-
tive officials insist, or was he
killed?

Each of those central questions
brings up two other provocative
ones: If it was suicide, was it for
personal reasons, or did it have
anything to do with the tangled
cotton-allotment affairs of Billie
Sol Estes? If it was murder, was
it a local affair or did it have any
connection with Marshall's USDA
job?

FROM THE MOMENT Mar-
shall's brother-in-law, L. M. Ow-
ens of Franklin, found the body
on Marshall's 12,000-acre ranch
about 6 p.m. Saturday last June
3, there was some natural debate
over the death.

The reason for that is simple—
Marshall died from five bullet
holes in his body. His .22 caliber
rifle lay nearby. It is 7-shot bolt-
action gun; each time it's fired,
it's necessary to raise up a round
knob on the right side, slide it
back, slide it forward, then push
it down again.

After the funeral, and Justice
of the Peace Lee Farmer's ver-
dict of suicide, talk about the
case simmered down. Then Billie
Sol Estes' fantastic financial fi-
gplings erupted, and the matter
of questionable cotton-acreage al-
lotments was brought out. Henry
Marshall's name and fate became
an issue again.

AT FIRST, there were only
vague reports that as the man in
charge of the USDA's acreage al-
lotment program in Texas, as
well as other programs, Marshall
had been investigating allotments
in West Texas at the time of his
death. In January, 1961, he had
conferred with Estes or his repre-
sentatives, some reports say.

Several days ago Secretary of
Agriculture Orville Freeman, at
a press conference called to deny
that Estes ever received any
USDA favoritism, let drop an
intriguing fact.

No one is quite sure just what
instructions county officials re-
ceived regarding Estes' transfer
of acreage allotments to his own
use, said Freeman, because the
only man who would definitely
know is Henry Marshall.

That's why the controversial
suicide verdict is being re-exam-
ined. It is, quietly, being probed
by a mass of agencies: The
USDA, U.S. Sen. McClellan's sub-
committee, the FBI, Texas Rang-
ers and newspapers from here to
New York.

A FRANKLIN COUNTY grand
jury is not actively investigating,
but it has issued a strong plea for
anyone with any useful informa-
tion to present it.

Marshall was from an old, re-
spected Robertson County family.
When he died he was 51 years
old plus five months. He had
lived in Bryan 19 years. For 16
years he was chief of the produc-
tion adjustment section of the
State Agricultural Stabilization
and Conservation Service (ASCS).
His boss in Washington, at his
death, was Emery E. Jacobs,
deputy administrator. Jacobs re-
signed as the result of early
Estes case disclosures; he now
says he acted hastily and un-
necessarily.

The day he died, Marshall
drove to his ranch near Franklin
in a pickup truck. He took his

young son, then 10, and left him
in Franklin at the home of Mrs.
Marshall's mother. Marshall was
to pick the boy up at 4 p.m. When
he didn't, Owens started looking
for him.

HE FOUND the body in a
grassy patch near a wooded area.
Nearby was the truck, and the
rifle. Nobody now can agree pre-
cisely how close the gun was to
the body. This week it was taken
into custody, from the Owens, by
Texas Rangers.

Marshall's unopened lunch of
sandwiches was at the scene. On
the truck seat, lined up neatly in
a row, were his glasses, wallet
and such personal effects. Also,
a safety razor blade, unopened
from its paper cover.

Where were the five bullet
holes?

This important aspect is one
which The Dallas News was able
to pin down only this week, and
still not positively. Pictures were
made later at a Bryan funeral
chapel, but they are now in the
hands of investigators.

At the time it was mentioned
only that Marshall had "several"
bullet wounds "in the abdomen."
Later this became "four or five"
holes.

THIS WEEK the writer, with
Mrs. Marshall's permission, asked
the funeral director. He says
there were three bullet holes,
which could be covered with a
half-dollar, in the left side just
above the belt level. There was
one other wound straight above
this, between the armpit and the
belt, and another above that one,
just below the armpit.

Sheriff Howard Stegall, the
main investigator, disagrees
slightly. He says the three
grooved holes were just above the
belt level but a few inches more
toward the front. The upper
wounds were also more toward
the front, he says.

Was there a suicide motive, and
was Marshall the type? His wife,
his close associates, his doctor
cannot agree, but there is opinion
both ways.

ONE OF HIS job associates (they don't want to be named because they are government employees, family friends and they can only theorize) said that the day before Marshall's death he was moody and preoccupied, weary from the zeal he always put into his job.

Another office associate said Marshall had been working hard, traveling a lot, but had his work in good shape and had no major problems. He was not a "happy go lucky" type, but he seemed perfectly adjusted and normal, says the friend.

His personal physician, again with the wife's permission, said that Marshall had recovered well from a 1958 heart attack and was on a rigid, low-fat diet, which he followed conscientiously.

THE DOCTOR flatly refutes a report that Marshall feared he had cancer. The subject was never discussed, says the physician; so far as he knew his patient had no serious medical problems.

"Within a week of his death his wife told me he had appeared tired and depressed and I discussed that with him," says the physician.

"He told me he had been working very hard, traveling a lot, and was tired. I asked him if he thought he should take a sick leave," he said. "No, I'm caught up now and can take it easy a few days. I've got a new boss and he told me to do what I wanted to for awhile. I've got no big problems now." That was my last contact with him," says the doctor.

His information illustrates how most of the meager knowledge about Marshall's death could provide both pro-and-con suicide argument.

WHAT SUPPORTS a murder theory?

Very little, other than speculation and rumor. Marshall had experienced some trouble with another man over the collection of

a loan, the strongest report says. Sheriff Stegall says he knew all about that and checked into it.

Another report, that person had been doing unauthorized hunting on Marshall's ranch, Stegall said he had heard only this week. He puts little credence in it, but it's a possibility that has had lots of discussion in Bryan.

Mrs. Marshall says that she is not satisfied with the investigation or the suicide ruling. She says the gun was never checked for fingerprints, no other tests were conducted, etc. Stegall confirms this—there was no need for it, he says.

THE WIFE HIRED Bryan attorney W. S. Barron, retired district judge, to seek a setting-aside of the ruling but he was unsuccessful.

Justice of the Peace Farmer, whose patience is growing a little thin at the latest furor over the case, maintains he "sweated blood" over the case for days before making his ruling. He will go to his grave convinced he is right, he maintains.

County Atty. Bryan Russ of Bryan, who emphasizes that the grand jury stands ready to reopen the case with any usable new information, says, "some out-of-state papers leave the impression we are a bunch of backwoods hicks down here, not capable of a thorough investigation. It so happens that we can read and write and we wear shoes and we take our jobs seriously. This case has been handled with honest, hard effort by everyone concerned."

ASKED POINT-BLANK if she does not believe her husband shot himself, Mrs. Marshall said quietly, "I don't know—I just don't think there is enough reason for that verdict in view of the way the investigation was handled."

Marshall's will, signed jointly with his wife on July 31, 1952, sets up a trust fund for his son, who will receive all his bequest when he is 27. Marshall was in the "well-to-do but not wealthy" financial bracket. The family ranch he owned had not had any government crop allotment in recent years, the local ASCS office says. It was used for cattle raising.

Just what time of day Marshall died on his ranch is uncertain. Investigators believe he had been lying in the hot sun five or six hours when he was found, and that he had been dead about an hour. There are vague reports of bruises on the body, which could have been caused by his fall and movements on the ground.

CAN A MAN shoot himself five times with a bolt-action rifle? Implausible as it sounds, it's possible. Even more determined suicides have been known.

Says Sheriff Stegall, "Say you're a man determined to kill yourself, and you don't know much about rifles. You shoot yourself in the body with a .22, and it stings and hurts but doesn't do much harm. (Two of the slugs reportedly came out Marshall's back.) You cock the .22 and try it again. This time you get a little bullet in your, but you're still perfectly conscious. You know you're going to die but not quickly."

You'd keep it up until you know."

Thus, Henry Marshall's case always gets back to opinion. More will be heard of it, probably, as a byproduct of the Estes investigation. Barring some startling development, it may remain a mystery forever.

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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (87-26066)
 SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES;
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 ITSP-BRIBERY

ReBuairtel to WFO, Dallas, El Paso, NY, Oklahoma
 City and Seattle, dated 5/15/62.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five (5)
 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information
 concerning WALTER C. BERGER and JAMES A. MC CONNELL. It is
 noted that "Whose Who in America", 1956-1957, lists person
 as JAMES ASHER MC CONNELL and it is felt that this is the
 person about whom the Bureau is referring to instead of
 JOSEPH A. MC CONNELL.

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New York, New York

May 16, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Re: Billie Sol Estes

The 1962-1963 edition of "Whose Who in America" reflects that Walter Charles Berger, corporation official, present director of Commercial Solvents Corporation, was married to Margaret Brookhart on June 25, 1927. His

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The 1956-1957 edition of "Whose Who in America" reflects that James Asher Mc Connell, government official, born Mansfield, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1891, and Chief, Commodity Stabilization Section, Department of Agriculture, 1953-1955, and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture 1955-, was married to Lois A. Zimmerman on June 23, 1920. His

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Information was received that James A. Mc Connell is presently employed as Consultant for Commercial Solvents Corporation and presently resides at Jamac Farms, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, RICHMOND
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ 1-P
BILLIE SOL ESTES EL AL BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST
RE RICHMOND TEL MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT.

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RIVERSIDE DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS. [REDACTED]

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OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO,
SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC RICHMOND /58-185/6 P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.,
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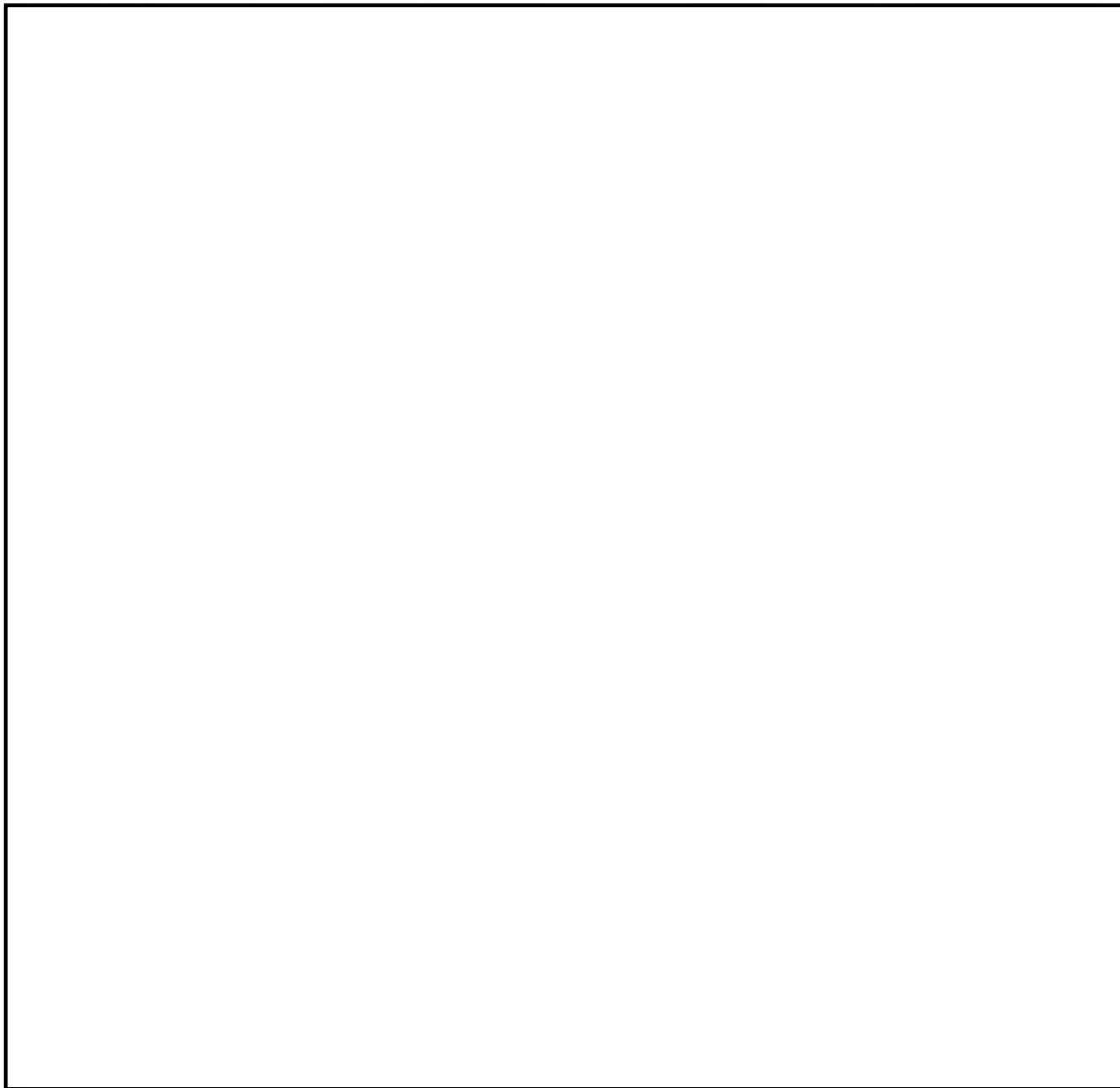
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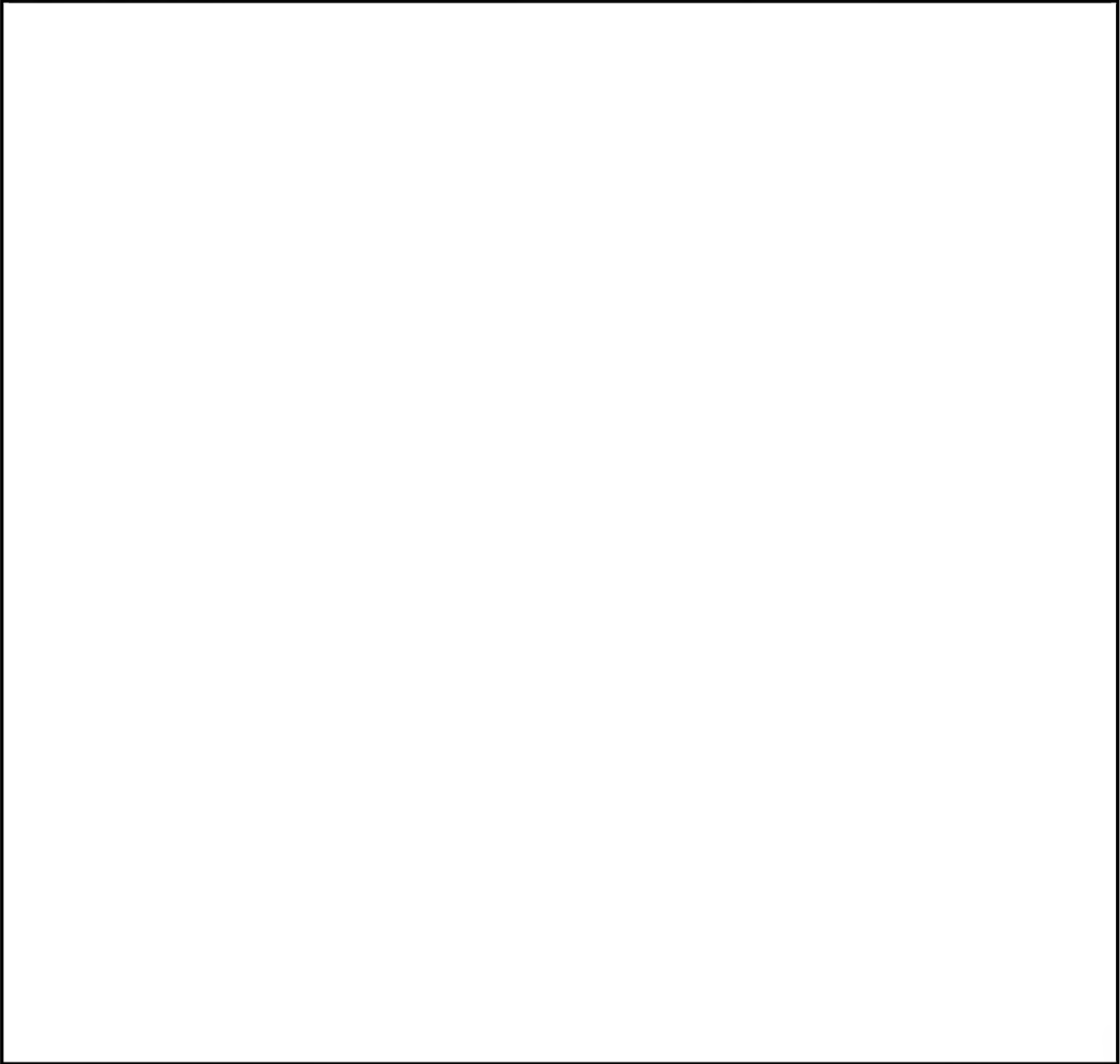


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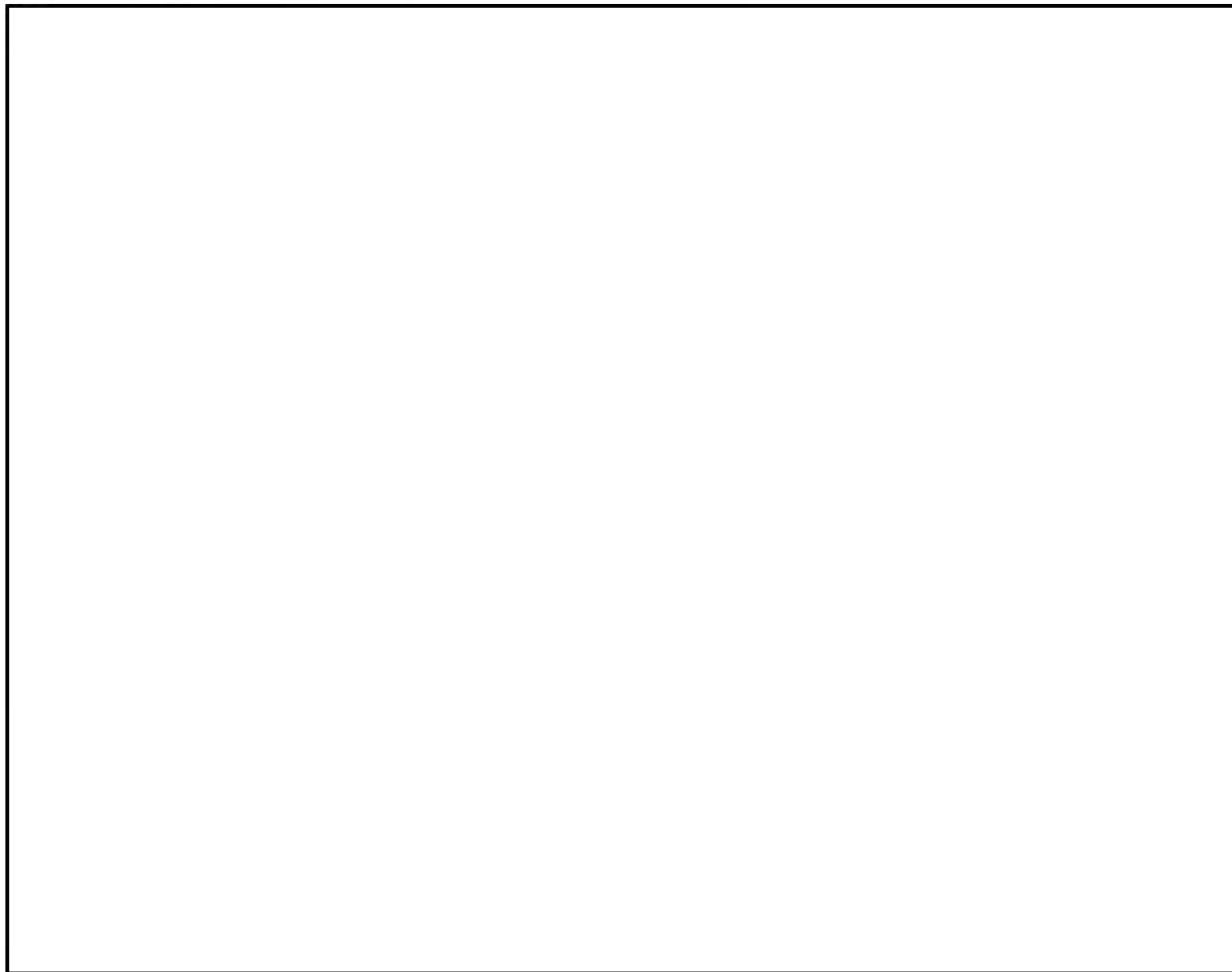
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FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (58-185)

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(OO: Dallas)

Re my tel 5/14/62.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ETAL, BRIBERY, COI.

RECOMMEND CODE WORD "BISOL" FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704 AND SACS NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS,
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FROM SAC, RICHMOND 58-185

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. BRIBERY, CIO. OO DALLAS.

RE MY TEL MAY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, DALLAS /58-188/
FROM SAC, PITTSBURGH /87-8394/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI, OO DALLAS.
RE RICHMOND TEL, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ /1-P/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA ITSP-BRIBERY AND COI OO., DALLAS

RE BUREAU TEL 5-17 LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ ATTN GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION, AND SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 1 P

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /58-169/ RUC

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. BRIBERY, CIO. OO DALLAS.

RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO.

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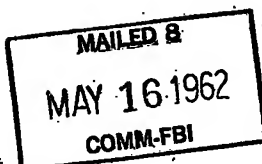
TO SAC, EL PASO
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI
RE BILLIE SOL ESTES
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Re Bu telephone call 5/11/62.

Attached is a copy of a request received from the Department which was relayed to El Paso by retel. Handle in accordance with telephonic instructions.

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ATTENTION - GEN. INV. DIV.

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (58-188)

SUBJECT : BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka., ET AL
BRIBERY, COI

(OO - Dallas)

Re Springfield teletype to Director, Washington Field Office, Dallas, 5/12/62. Verifax copy is enclosed for Richmond Office in order that check may be made through Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. Co., Richmond, Va., as to Centralia, Ill. telephone number which figured in telephone call, collect, to number of WILLIAM E. MORRIS, at McLean, Virginia, 12/29/61.

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 - 1 - Washington Field (87-8242) (Inf.)
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To: SAC, El Paso (58-59)

From: Director, FBI (20-28704)

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These accounts should be analyzed and reviewed immediately in connection with your accounting examination of Estes' ventures. Particular attention should be given to any unusual items, such as large deposits or disbursements, as well as recurring items.

Appropriate investigation should be initiated immediately by your office to resolve fully all questionable items. Leads to other field divisions should be set out by teletype.

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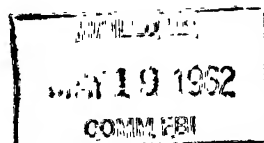
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

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of subscribers to telephone numbers by 5/14/62.

WFO will submit results of check by 5/15/62.

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Spokane Washington
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Mr Edgar Hoover F.B.I
Washington, D.C

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I Thank You

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of May 14, 1962, has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from Washington. Please be assured your communication will be brought to his attention when he returns.

For your information, facts brought to this Bureau's attention indicative of violations of Federal law coming within our jurisdiction receive prompt investigative action. You can be assured that the FBI is continuing to handle its responsibilities with the same dispatch and thoroughness that have characterized our investigations in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: No record in Bufiles identifiable with [Redacted] Correspondent is undoubtedly making reference to the case of Billie Sol Estes which has resulted in the discharge of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture James T. Ralph and others. It is subject of current Bureau investigation.

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FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (87-5025) (P)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/16/62.

Page 3, first paragraph, last line of referenced airtel should read "of \$4,594.60" not "of \$,594.60".

Bureau and Offices receiving copies of this communication requested to correct their copies of referenced airtel.

San Antonio copies corrected.

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TO. DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, HOUSTON /58-11

FROM. SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/

BILLIE SOL ESTES. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
DASH BRIBERY.

REBUTEL MAY ELEVEN LAST. PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS THE
FOLLOWING IS TELETYPE SUMMARY.

ON JUNE THIRD, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, HENRY H. MARSHALL, FORMER
Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Act
EMPLOYEE OF THE ASCS, BRYAN, TEXAS, WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH ON HIS
FARM NEAR FRANKLIN, TEXAS. [REDACTED] CONDUCTED^{b6}
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INQUEST AND RULED "SUICIDE" DEATH BY GUNSHOT DASH SELF INFLICTED. "MURDER"
INVESTIGATION BY ROBERTSON COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE, FRANKLIN, TEXAS,
REVEALED ALL CIRCUMSTANCES POINTED TOWARD SUICIDE AND NO EVIDENCE OF
MURDER. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MARSHALL-S DEATH MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY
STATED THAT HE WAS IN BAD HEALTH, HAVING HAD SEVERAL HEART ATTACKS AND
A KNOT ON HIS BACK WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS A "CANCER." [REDACTED]

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MARSHALL AT ALL TIMES, INDICATING THE FAMILY SUSPECTED THAT HE MIGHT
COMMIT SUICIDE. WHEN THE SHERIFF CONTACTED [REDACTED] TO ADVISE
[REDACTED] AND BEFORE HE HAD TIME TO DO SO, SHE
STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "OH, HE HAS GONE AND DONE IT" ~~UNQUOTE~~, INDICATING TO
THE SHERIFF THAT SHE KNEW BY THE SHERIFF-S PRESENCE THAT HER HUSBAND
HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES AT FRANKLIN, THE FAMILY HAS RECENTLY
DENIED THAT MARSHALL WAS IN ILL HEALTH OR THAT THEY SUSPECTED THAT
HE MIGHT ATTEMPT SUICIDE.

INVESTIGATION BY ROBERTSON COUNTY SHERIFF-S OFFICE REVEALED [REDACTED] b6
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MATCHED THOSE FOUND AT PLACE WHERE MARSHALL-S BODY FOUND. NO AUTOPSY
PERFORMED.

CORRECTION LINES ONE AND TWO SHD READ

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, NUMEROUS PRESS REPORTERS NOW IN FRANKLIN.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REQUESTING HOUSTON TO INTERVIEW FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF ASCS AT BRYAN, TEXAS, AND WIFE OF MARSHALL, WHO RESIDES AT BRYAN, TEXAS, WHERE MARSHALL FORMERLY STATIONED. HOUSTON SHOULD NOT CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU. HOUSTON BEING REQUESTED TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS WHO CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION, AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS AT BRYAN WHO HANDLED EMBALMING AND FUNERAL, BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

DALLAS AND EL PASO ADVISED BY AIR MAIL TODAY.

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U. S. Post Office, advised SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS on 5/10/62 that no record is kept by a Post Office as to the identities of the addressor and addressee of an insured package, such packages being identifiable only if any insured number is available. When a package is received by the addressee, a delivery receipt is signed. Such delivery receipt reflects the office of mailing, and is filed by the receiving Post Office in sequence according to the last two digits of the insured number.

He stated insured numbers are frequently issued to concerns which mail many packages, in "blocks" according to number. Neiman-Marcus Store, Dallas, currently has block including number 552,001-553,000. He stated should a delivery receipt be located which bears one of the numbers in the above sequence, the package to which it pertains would thus be identified as having been mailed by Neiman-Marcus store. This information has been furnished to Washington Field and Richmond Offices for investigation as to receipt of packages by RADPH [redacted] at Washington, D.C. and/or McLean, Va.

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On registering at Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, Dallas, 9/6/61, BILLIE SOL ESTES showed himself to be holder of American Express Agency credit card number 018 060-7384. The Dallas Office of American Express Agency has advised record of charges to ESTES' account can be obtained through their New York, N. Y. office. New York Office has been requested to obtain photographic copies of such charges since inception.

On 5/10/62, [redacted] J. M. COONER, Chief, Intelligence Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Dallas, Texas, advised SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS as follows:

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In about October, 1961, IRS became interested in the activities of BILLIE SOL ESTES, on the basis that while tax returns show losses on operations, financial statements he had supplied to the Department of Agriculture reflected immense gains in net worth.

He stated J. M. COONER has been personally handling inquiries into ESTES' affairs so far as they concern the area covered by their Dallas District and was, in fact, as of that date in Lubbock, Texas in this connection. Mr. WINSTON pointed

out that in view of ESTES' residence at Pecos, Texas and the location of many of his enterprises within the area covered by the District Director at Austin, Texas, GEORGE STEPHENS, Chief, Intelligence Branch, Austin, has also been concerned with the ESTES inquiries and has, in fact, more or less coordinated for IRS. STEPHENS has been known to have obtained copies of numerous tax returns for various ESTES enterprises. He said he had taken note two or three days previously that Mr. COONER received a call from Washington, D. C. headquarters, that COONER and various others were participating in the telephone conversation and thereafter were assembling considerable information. San Antonio Office was requested on 5/10/62 to contact Mr. STEPHENS.

[redacted] stated a report dated 10/25/61 reflected C. H. MOSELEY and [redacted] of USDA had been interviewed and furnished information re ESTES' various financial statements. These gentlemen had advised IRS that ESTES was in disrepute among grain dealers because of his rapidly expanding activities and cutthroat practices.

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On 5/10/62, J. M. COONER, Chief, Intelligence Branch, IRS, Dallas, advised SA [redacted] at Lubbock, Texas, that ESTES' returns were being examined currently and that he could not at that time advise as to the extent of IRS investigation which was merely in the planning stage.

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Attention is directed to FD-302 reflecting interview with CLARENCE HILARY MOSELEY, USDA, Dallas, concerning the status of W. P. MATTOX, Reeves County, Texas ASCS Committeeman, as a Federal employee. This information was included in Dallas teletype, 5/10/62, in which the Bureau was advised that, UACB, Dallas Office would assume El Paso Office would be origin in any case involving MATTOX if investigation is warranted. MATTOX's name is, therefore, not added to the title of this case.

Bureau airtel to Washington Field Office 5/10/62 and WFO airtels 5/10 and 5/12/62 concern interview with JERRY E. HOLLEMAN, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, who has resigned in view of acknowledged receipt of a gift of \$1,000 from ESTES in Washington, D.C. HOLLEMAN's name is not being added to the title of this case, UACB.

Overlap of one day in investigative period was occasioned by investigation on 5/8/62 after preparation of report.

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Dallas newspapers over the weekend indicated the presence in Texas (in Dallas on 5/14/62) of DONALD F. O'DONNELL
[redacted] Senate Investigations

Subcommittee for purpose of interviewing ESTES in Austin, Texas on 5/13/62. Newspaper accounts on 5/14/62 indicated the investigators had declined comment concerning their interview with ESTES, and were returning to Washington, D.C. on that date.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1-USA Fort Worth, Texas
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Report of: MANNING C. CLEMENTS
Date: 5/14/62

Office: DALLAS

Field Office File No.: Dallas 58-188

Bureau File No.: 29-28704

Title: BILLIE SOL ESTES; Dr. JAMES T. RALPH,
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, USDA,
Washington, D.C.; WILLIAM E. MORRIS, Administrative
Assistant to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture,
USDA, Washington, D.C.; EMERY E. JACOBS, Former
Character: Deputy Administrator, ASCS, USDA, Washington, D.C.

BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Synopsis:

[redacted] Texas, denies inferring influence with
USDA employees to keep grain elevators full. FRANK CAIN, Dallas
attorney for Pacific Finance Co., executed sworn statement re
statements of ESTES inferring payoffs. Records Neiman-Marcus,
Dallas, reflect letter dated 9/23/61, signed [redacted]
[redacted] Va. (reportedly [redacted] RALPH) requesting exchange
of 6 shirts (\$16.95 each) due to wrong size. N-M sales records
disclose no purchases by person named [redacted] 9/19/61. W. P.
MATTOX, Committeeman, ASCS, Reeves County, Texas, reportedly
suspended for acceptance of plane fare and hotel expenses from
ESTES. Figures obtained from ASCS, Dallas, re payments made
to assignees of ESTES, et al, grain storage proceeds. Records
of ESTES' telephone calls, 1/1961 to present, set out. Persons
called by ESTES and RALPH in Dallas Division identified. ESTES
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[redacted] was advised he did not have to make any statement but whatever statement was made could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he could consult with a lawyer prior to making any statement. He stated he would discuss the matter, and fully understood his rights. He was placed under oath, and furnished the following information freely and voluntarily.

He related that he is not in any way in the grain business and has not been in the grain business, storage, growing, buying or selling of grain or elevators. He related that he has known [redacted] Texas for several years and considered himself a friend of [redacted]. He stated he has been close friends to [redacted]

[redacted] Texas. [redacted] Trans-Con Grain Company and at one time about two years ago had a surplus of grain and were looking for additional elevators to purchase. He stated it was his understanding that [redacted] Texas was in a financial setback at the time and both [redacted] asked him, [redacted] to contact [redacted] since he was a friend and ascertain if he would sell all or a part of the elevator at Clarendon, Texas.

[redacted] refused to sell and [redacted] stated he did have some friends who could keep the elevator filled, meaning [redacted] because of the surplus grain they had obtained. He stated there was no U. S. Department of Agriculture employee mentioned or considered to his knowledge. He stated he did not mention the names of [redacted] as he felt it might make a difference in the price of the elevator if [redacted] knew, he [redacted] was trying to buy it for these men. He stated he had no knowledge of the ESTES enterprises and activities in the grain business, or any person so connected with ESTES.

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on 5/9/62 at Lubbock, Texas Date dictated 5/9/62

by Special Agents RICHARD AVERY DYER & [redacted] cah

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/62

After being requested on April 23, 1962 to execute a signed statement setting forth information concerning conversations he has had in the past with BILLIE SOL ESTES, about which he had testified on April 20, 1962 at a Court of Inquiry held by Texas Attorney General WILL WILSON in Dallas, FRANK CAIN furnished the following which he had dictated to his secretary on May 8, 1962:

"5-8-62
Dallas, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF FRANK CAIN

"BEFORE ME, Manning C. Clements, an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on this 9th day of May, 1962, personally appeared Frank Cain, and who after being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

"My name is Frank Cain, an Attorney at Law, and member of the law firm of Irion, Cain, Cocke and Magee, located at 830 Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas. In my capacity as one of the attorneys for Pacific Finance Corporation of Los Angeles, California, did on March 8, 1962, meet in conference with Billie Sol Estes in the law offices of Hobart Nelson in Lubbock, Texas. Present at this conference

Billie Sol Estes.

"During the conference I confronted Billie Sol with the fact that the previous day I had inspected the Superior Manufacturing Company in Amarillo, Texas, and found that they had approximately 110 employees altogether. I also stated to Mr. Estes that I had been informed by the President of Superior Manufacturing Company that the factory had a capacity turn-out of approximately 800 one-thousand barrel anhydrous ammonia tanks a month, operating on a three-shift basis. I stated to Mr. Estes that in making a comparison with the number of chattel mortgages filed covering anhydrous ammonia tanks, manufactured by Superior Manufacturing Company, and filed

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"of record during the month of 1962 alone, that the Superior Manufacturing Company would have had to produce approximately 3,376 anhydrous ammonia tanks of 1,000 barrel capacity. I also told Mr. Estes that obviously this was an utter impossibility. Mr. Estes in reply said to us there were not any such tanks backing up the filed mortgages. I asked Mr. Estes if this applied to all of the contracts that had been sold to the various finance companies. Mr. Estes said that they were of the same 'breed'.

"Mr. Estes was then asked if he knew how many finance companies had purchased these 'spurious' contracts, and to what extent. In reply to this, Mr. Estes pulled from his pocket a memorandum which had the names of all the finance companies and the approximate amounts that were owing to each. After some persuasion, and with the approval of Mr. Estes' attorney, he gave Mr. Irion and myself copies of the list.

"Mr. Estes then began to tell us that he could work this thing out, and all of the companies would receive full payment of the debts, provided they cooperated with him, and not tear down what he referred to as his 'house of cards'.

"Mr. Estes vowed he had no fear of going to jail, and never at this particular conference did he (Estes) seem concerned about the possible consequences of his acts.

"Mr. Estes said he was willing to cooperate with the finance companies in working out a plan to liquidate the obligations. In the course of our conversation, I began to press him as to just how cooperative he was willing to be. In this connection, I stated I wanted to examine all his books and records of all his enterprises, to see what his assets were, and the extent of his liabilities. Mr. Estes said he was willing for me to come to his home town of Pecos and he would make a full disclosure of everything. At this point, he became quite enthusiastic about working with me. He said I could live at his house and we could set up a joint account for depositing the income and paying out expenses and liquidating the obligations. Then in about the middle of this conversation, Mr. Estes said, 'Now, wait a minute, I have a commitment that I must honor in a month

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"'or so for \$40,000.00.' At this conference, nothing further was said about the commitment.

"While I went to Pecos on March 13, 1962, I stayed at the Brandon Hotel, and not at the home of Mr. Estes.

"The next time I saw Mr. Estes was in his office in Pecos, Texas, on March 14, 1962, and March 15, 1962. I spent most of both days with him. [redacted]

[redacted] Pacific Finance Corporation, accompanied me to Pecos. After a discussion of some length of time with Mr. Estes [redacted] Mr. Estes agreed to let [redacted] get with [redacted]

[redacted] Estes Enterprises, to go over the books and records. [redacted] retired to [redacted] office, where [redacted] spent the rest of the day of March 14, 1962.

"Mr. Estes and myself conferred much of the time alone in his office, but some of the time [redacted] [redacted] was present.

"Mr. Estes outlined the following story on the days of March 14th and 15th, with various interruptions, which I will relate later in this statement.

"Mr. Estes said that prior to the spring of 1959, he and other farmers had enjoyed successful crops, but then for the three years just preceding the spring of 1959, he and the farmers had suffered three successive crop failures. He (Estes) said that during the prosperous years he had let a large number of farmers become rather heavily indebted to him. That then, with the crop failures, the farmers could not pay him, and consequently, he himself became 'hard pressed' for money to pay his own creditors.

"Mr. Estes said he started going to the farmers and had them give him mortgages on their irrigation pumps. He said he in turn sold the contracts to some finance companies in the Midwest, and on the East Coast. Mr. Estes related that he exhausted all the available irrigation pumps, so he just started creating fictitious mortgages on non-existent pumps, which paper he likewise sold. He said this worked well until he said, 'Some smart cookie' up in South Bend got to counting up how many pumps they held mortgages

"on, and determined that it was more pumps than needed in all West Texas, much less just in Reeves County'. This, he acknowledged, stopped the selling of mortgages covering irrigation pumps.

"Mr. Estes explained that prior to the fall of 1958, he had been in the anhydrous ammonia business in the Pecos area. He stated that he had acquired a number of ammonia tanks, and he found the sale of ammonia to be very competitive, therefore, he began to cut the price to get the business of the various farmers. He said he felt he was doing a good thing for the farmers, and they in turn became more and more obligated to him.

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"Mr. Estes explained that in 1958 he 'hit' upon an expansion plan for his ammonia sales operations and grain storage operations. He stated that by fall of 1958 he had become heavily obligated to ~~Commercial Solvents Corporation~~ in New York for the purchase of ammonia. He said he owed them at that time somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000.00. He stated he and Commercial Solvents Corporation entered into an agreement whereby they would furnish him \$225,000.00 in cash and extend him additional credit for purchase of anhydrous ammonia up to \$900,000.00, including the delinquent debt. Mr. Estes explained he used the \$225,000.00 in cash to purchase some terminal elevators. He further stated he gave Commercial Solvents Corporation mortgages on the elevators, as well as on other property of his, both real and personal. He also said he agreed to and did give them an assignment of his grain storage receipts. Mr. Estes explained further that from time to time he gave Commercial Solvents Corporation additional mortgages and assignments to the extent of all his (Estes) property, except his home and automobile.

"Along about this time, Mr. Estes said he conceived the idea of creating fictitious sales and lease contracts, covering non-existent anhydrous ammonia tanks and applicator equipment. He explained that either he or one of his employees would approach a farmer with sales contracts which would have a specified number of tanks typed in the contracts with serial numbers covering each tank for identification. He said he would

"Give the farmer 10% of what he could get from the sale of the contracts to the various finance companies, in consideration of the use of the farmer's credit. He would give the farmer a lease contract covering the tanks and equipment for a monthly rental equal to the monthly payments called for in the sales contracts. He would also furnish the farmer the down payment which he (Estes) would collect back from Superior Manufacturing Company in Amarillo. He stated none of the tanks referred to in the contracts sold to the farmers were ever manufactured.

"Mr. Estes said that up until Pacific sent in 'all those investigators' contacting the farmers about the whereabouts of the tanks, that through rentals he would pay the farmers, who in turn would pay the finance companies, that all such payments on the contracts were current. He stated this created a very good atmosphere for selling more contracts.

"I asked Mr. Estes how he covered up the fact that the contracts covered non-existent tanks. In answer, Mr. Estes explained that the finance companies would send in a few 'checkers' to make routine 'checks' on the tanks. He said they would come to his office, and it would be ascertained the serial number of the tanks the 'checkers' desired to examine. He said he would then send out metal tags with such serial numbers on them ahead of the 'checkers'. He would have tags changed, and by the time the 'checkers' arrived, they examined the tanks with serial numbers corresponding to those on the respective contracts. Mr. Estes was amused by the fact that he said he had one 'checker' examine the same tank three different times with three different serial numbers on it, by moving the tank to three separate locations.

"During the discussion on the 14th and 15th of March, we were interrupted one time by a phone call from a person identified by Estes as 'Jamie Whitten'. Mr. Estes' secretary came into his office and said, 'Mr. Whitten is calling from Washington and wants some changes made in the contracts'. Mr. Estes talked a few moments, then without 'hanging up' the receiver, went into his secretary's office. He came back and said to me, 'Pick up the receiver and listen in, this is one of the big people in agriculture'. I listened in, and the person identified as Mr. Whitten said to the secretary who was taking down what he was saying, 'In that paragraph where it refers to 'soil bank' put this -- --' (I do not remember what the inserted language was.) Then the person

"said, 'Now in the small print strike the name of -- -- (I don't remember the name) and insert Jamie Whitten', then spelling the name, 'J-A-M-I-E W-H-I-T-T-E-N'. After the conversation ended, Mr. Estes said that 'Mr. Whitten was the man who gets things done, that he is the chairman of the sub-committee on budget appropriations for the agriculture program.' Mr. Estes continued, saying, that he had a number of intimate friends in the Agriculture Department, and that he was on the President's Cotton Advisory Committee. He said he and the big men that count were setting up an agriculture program that would be good for the people, and would be good for his business. Mr. Estes said that if the so-called conservatives were elected every time, it would take them eight years to get him (Estes) and his crowd out of control.

"During the course of our conferences, Mr. Estes outlined the sources of his income, to which we could look for liquidation of the obligations.

"Mr. Estes said first of all the sale of the anhydrous ammonia would have to go back to a true retail market price. He said he was confident he could maintain his customers because they were so involved and obligated to him on the fictitious mortgages. He further stated he was confident he could have the complete cooperation of Commercial Solvents Corporation, because he was 'Commercial Solvents'. I asked him what he meant by this. He said, 'because I am into them so deep they would have no other choice.'

"Mr. Estes stated the most lucrative and certain source of income was his grain storage receipts, which he estimated would gross in excess of five million dollars per year if the terminals were kept near their capacity in grain storage. I asked how sure he was that he could keep them near full. He stated that, 'we didn't have to worry about that', he said 'he had the right contacts in Washington to take care of this.' He said, 'it cost money, but', he said 'everything does.'

"Mr. Estes said the other source of income upon which we could depend, was from the transfer of cotton allotments from condemned acreage to acreage in the irrigated

"areas of West Texas. He explained to me how the plan worked. Estes stated the plan was temporarily 'stalled' in the Department of Agriculture, but that it was a lawyers' squabble, and it would soon be straightened up. He said this was a real 'set up' from which we could reap a fortune. He said the man who was helping him on this was to be his house guest in about a week, as he was to make a speech before the Pecos Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Estes did not identify the name of the man who was to speak, but I am informed that Mr. Emery Jacobs of the Agriculture Department did make a speech in Pecos. On the morning of March 15th, while Estes and I were alone, I told him there was one thing that really bothered me in trying to work out an acceptable plan with the finance companies. I explained while I was not being critical, it was obvious to me he spent lots of 'payoff' money in various ways and means. I told him I was confident no company would knowingly become a part of such activities. Mr. Estes said, 'Well, the finance companies are going to have to allow me enough money to maintain my way of living and running my business. I don't mean maintaining a high standard of living.' Mr. Estes said he was willing to move out of his luxurious home, but, he said, 'They (the finance companies) will just have to allow me enough money to carry out my commitments that will have to be made and then not ask me to account for it.'

"I asked Mr. Estes just how much money we were talking about, to which he replied, from one hundred thousand dollars to two hundred thousand dollars per year. I told him that this posed a real problem, to which he agreed. I want to make it clear, however, that Mr. Estes never did identify to me any person to whom he may have given money or gifts.

"Mr. McDermont and I left Pecos the evening of March 15th and flew to Midland in [redacted] private plane. Then we flew from Midland to Los Angeles, California.

"On March 16, 1962 [redacted] and myself, met with the governing officials of Pacific Finance Corporation. I related the aforesaid facts. I was immediately informed by the President of Pacific that while I could continue my little game of undercover work with Estes, that under no circumstances, nor in any event, would Pacific Finance Corporation make any kind of agreement with Estes, or have anything whatsoever to do with him.

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"I remarked to the Pacific people that I felt confident the Commercial Solvents Corporation was involved deeply with Estes, and that they were actually an integral part of this Estes conspiracy. I had to admit this was only suspicion on my part, but I thought probative evidence could be found to support my opinion in this regard. I mentioned that [redacted] Commercial Solvents Corporation, and his wife, were at that time, weekend guests of Estes in Pecos. It was decided I would return to Pecos to confer with [redacted] and Mr. Estes.

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"On the night of March 17, 1962, I arrived back in Midland, Texas, where I contacted Mr. Estes by phone. Mr. Estes sent his private plane for me, and I was taken to the Brandon Hotel in Pecos to spend the night.

"The next morning I was taken to the Estes home to have breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Estes, [redacted]. After breakfast, Mr. Estes, [redacted] and myself retired to the living room. Just as we were sitting down, Mr. Estes, in a joking manner, said 'They (meaning Commercial Solvents) want to put me in business in Brazil.' There was no comment from [redacted]. After explaining to [redacted] why I wanted to talk with him, I asked him what brought him to this land of coyotes and prairie dogs. [redacted] said Billie Sol had called him about an assignment which he had prepared and filed of record that indicated Billie was transferring several millions of dollars to the Bank of Switzerland, and he [redacted] thought he had better come out and talk with Billie. [redacted] then said he had just returned from a five-week trip to Europe where Commercial Solvents Corporation was establishing an operation in Italy. [redacted] said Commercial Solvents Corporation was going to do business with the Bank of Switzerland. [redacted] said that if matters got too bad for Billie Sol, that Solvents could use him as a consultant in Switzerland. Mr. Estes immediately said, 'I think Brazil would be better.'

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[redacted] explained generally Commercial Solvents operations, and said they were closely associated with many people in the United States Department of Agriculture, and there was no reason why they could not take over all of Mr. Estes' enterprises, and operate them as good as he could.

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[redacted] said Commercial Solvents had established through Estes a very favorable market in West Texas, and they (Solvents) intended to maintain their position in the market. Estes, on several occasions during the conference, said he was prepared to turn all his operations over to Commercial Solvents Corporation. Mr. Estes remarked that Commercial Solvents had sent him \$400,000.00 in cash only a few days before. I could tell from the facial expressions of [redacted] that he did not like the remark, however. It was later confirmed by testimony from [redacted] Commercial Solvents Corporation.

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"The conference broke up about 10:30 a.m., March 18th. [redacted] left to return to New York. I was flown in Mr. Estes' plane to Midland, from which I returned to Dallas.

"I next saw Mr. Estes in Dallas, Texas, on the afternoon of March 26th. I went to his suite in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Present part of the time was Mr. Estes, Mr. Ruel Alexander, [redacted]

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[redacted] Estes and Alexander. We talked principally of Mr. Estes' plan for carrying out a liquidation of the obligations owed the finance companies. I remarked that I understood from the morning newspaper that the F.B.I. was looking into the matter, and that if they got involved it would blow the whole thing up. Mr. Estes could not understand what they might be investigating. Mr. Estes said he would call Lyndon Johnson and get the thing stopped. He later called me by phone, and said he had called Washington, and everything was taken care of. In forth-eight hours, Mr. Estes was in jail.

"The next and last time I saw Mr. Estes was the afternoon of March 27th, when he appeared before the finance company meeting. Nothing was said by Mr. Estes of any significant importance.

"I left out of this statement a number of things Mr. Estes and I talked about, which things I consider of

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"little or no importance to the purpose of this statement, however, I will amplify on this, if it be desired I do so.

"I, Frank Cain, after being duly sworn on oath before Manning C. Clements, above identified, I have read and understood the above statement and the statements made therein by me are within my knowledge true and correct.

"/s/ Frank Cain
Frank Cain, Affiant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO by Frank Cain on each page of this instrument, before me, the undersigned on this the 9th day of May, 1962, at Dallas, Texas

"/s/ Manning C. Clements
Manning C. Clements

"Witness:

"/s/ Will Hayden Griffin, Special Agent, F.B.I., Dallas, Texas
5-9-62."

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Concerning the reported statement of ESTES on March 8, 1962 that he had a \$40,000 commitment, Mr. CAIN advised orally that, while no names were mentioned, it was clear ESTES intended he, CAIN, understand such \$40,000 commitment was in the nature of a pay-off to Government employees.

With regard to his testimony before the Court of Inquiry, April 20, 1962, Mr. CAIN advised he was not quoted correctly by newspapers relative to the telephone conversation ESTES had on March 14, or March 15, 1962 with "Jamie Whitten".

Newspapers had reported Mr. CAIN had testified he asked ESTES, following the conversation, "That was your pay-off, wasn't it?" to which ESTES answered in the affirmative. Mr. CAIN advised Agents he had not so testified.

Mr. CAIN said he had questioned ESTES as to financial statements he had submitted, with particular reference to their accuracy since they were supposedly prepared by public accountants. ESTES replied that "every man has his price", inferring financial statements had been falsified.

Mr. CAIN stated he would be glad to attempt to elaborate further in additional statements under oath on any points in his statement should such be desired. He stated he is aware that some of ESTES' statements in his presence might have been "puffing", that, however, he had the feeling ESTES considered him, CAIN, in the nature of a "confidant" when he made the various statements.

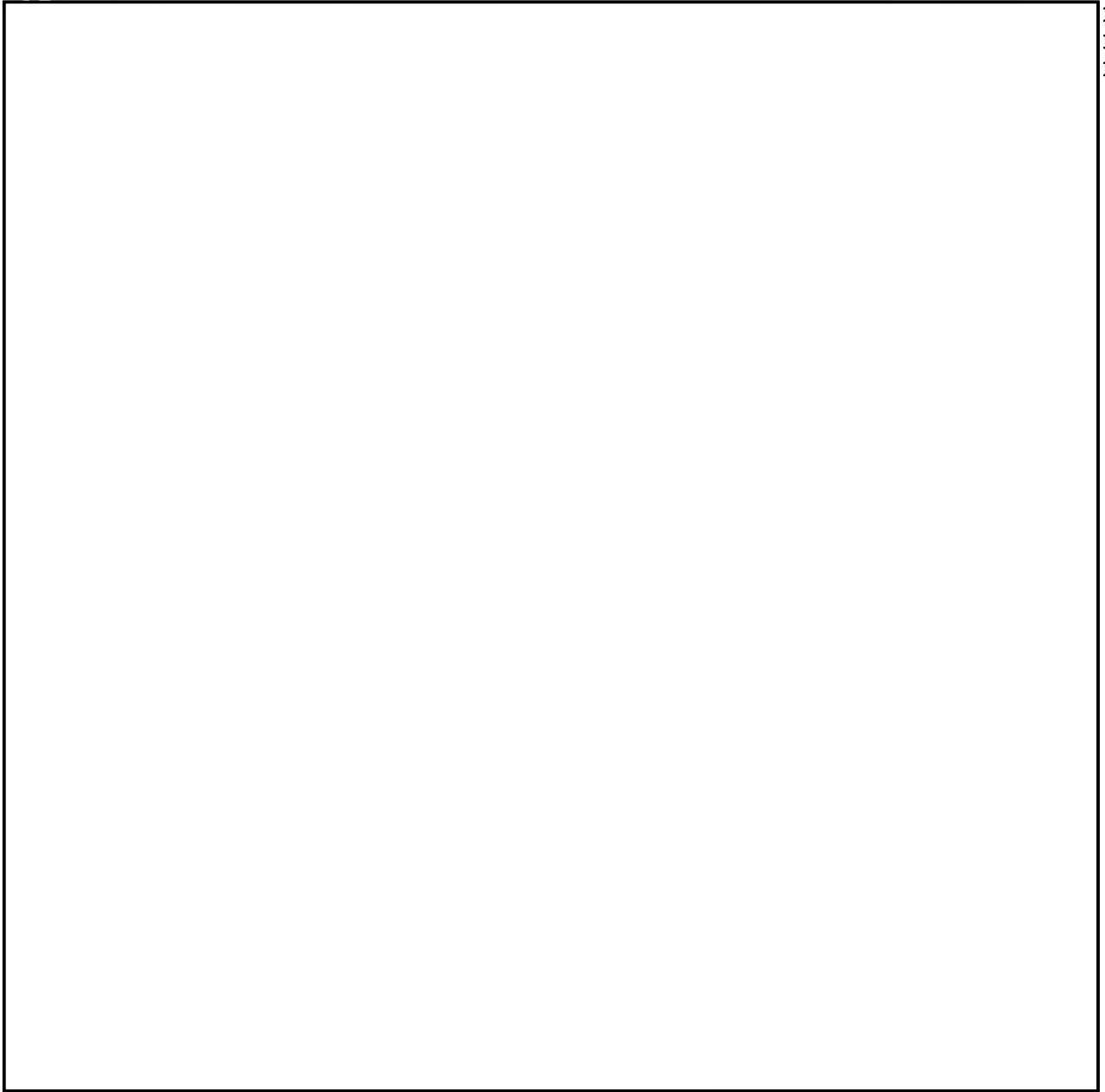
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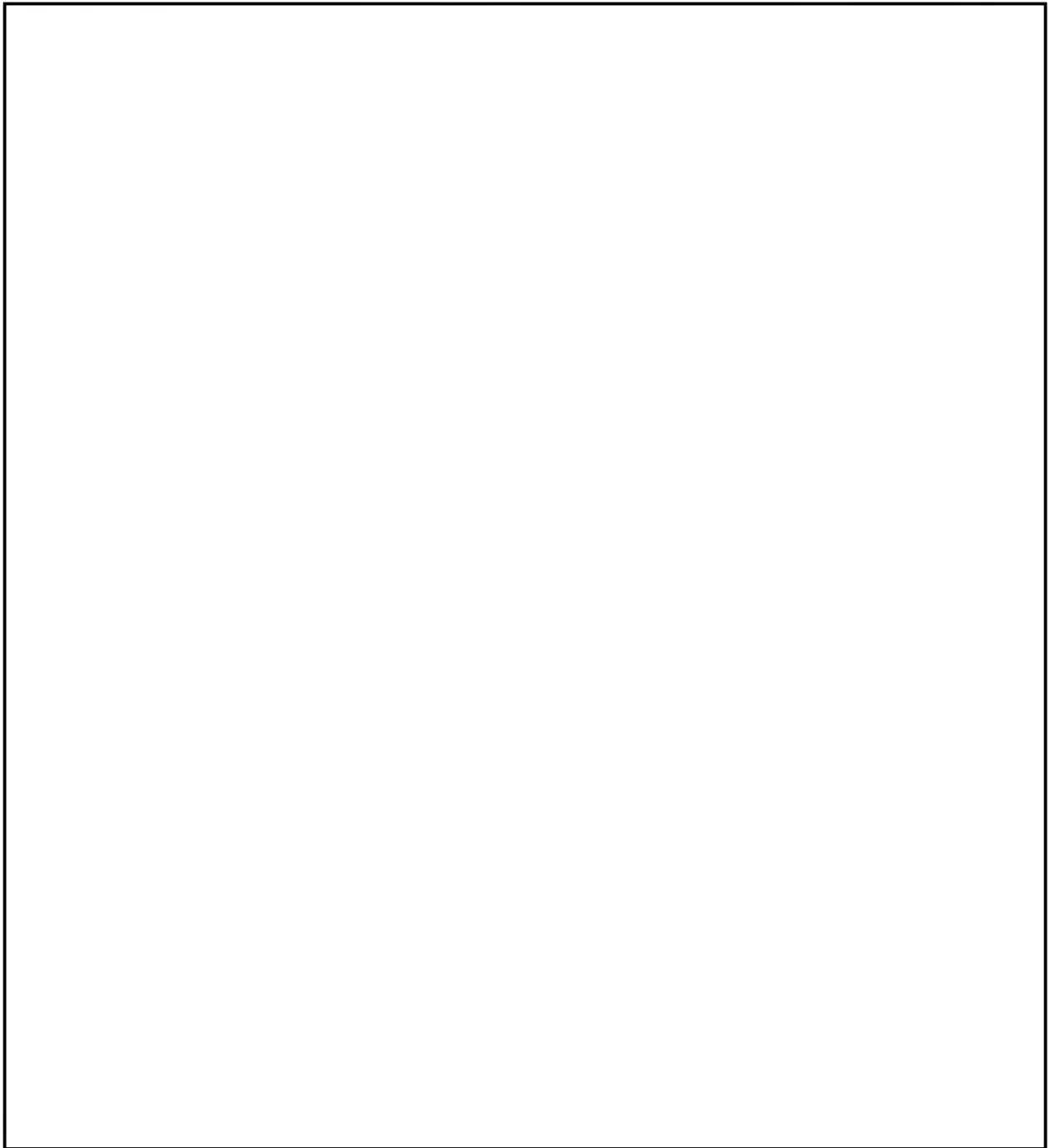
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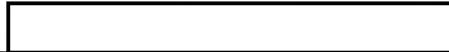
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Neiman Marcus
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sirs,

I recently received these shirts from your store, but they are the wrong size. I would like to exchange them for 15-32. If you do not have them in that size, I would like you to send another type of white shirt with a short tab collar in the correct size. If the other shirts are not of the same value you could make it up by sending extra shirts, so there would not have to be any money refunded.

Thank you very much.

/s/ [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] va."

[redacted] readily recognized the initials [redacted] on the sales ticket and a signature [redacted] on the "Returned Goods Record" as his initials and signature indicating he prepared the sales ticket and handled the exchange in shirts in accord with instructions contained in the above letter.

He stated "Section 352" indicates the shirts were business or dress type (not sport type) shirts and "Class 1" indicates shirts were white in color, instead of being colored shirts ("Class 5"). He advised, however, information as to Class (color) as shown on sales ticket may be inaccurate and that he may have listed only one Class (color) to avoid having to prepare 2 sales tickets (one for white shirts and one for colored shirts). He stated his best recollection is there were 2 white shirts and 4 colored shirts, or vice versa, which came "in" and the same number were sent "out". [redacted] surmised such circumstances are the reason he originally

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listed the quantity on the sales ticket as "2" and changed the quantity to "6", or possibly vice versa. [redacted] was of the opinion shirts in question were "Sea Island Cotton" with a NM label in the collar.

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It was pointed out to [redacted] that the above documents did not contain any date or other identifying data as to the original purchase of the shirts which were returned for exchange. He advised he did not recall any data from memory in this regard and could not furnish any specific information as to the identity of the sales ticket covering the original purchase of the six shirts returned for exchange.

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ROB BOYD (BOB) WATSON, Salesman, Clothing Department, Neiman-Marcus (NM), residence 7230 West Lake, both Dallas, Texas, was reinterviewed under oath concerning NM alteration tickets number 30784 and 30785 dated September 5, 1961.

WATSON again identified the above alteration tickets as the alteration tickets prepared by him on two size 41 regular "Oxford" brand suits, one brown in color and one blue in color, fitted to Dr. JAMES T. RALPH, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., at Dallas, Texas on September 8 or 9, 1961. WATSON pointed out these tickets contain Xs in appropriate spaces for alteration as follows:

Coat to Blue Suit

1. Shorten Sleeves.
2. Shorten collar.
3. Take in sides.
4. Take in neckpoints.

Pants to Blue Suit

1. Outseam 42 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
2. Alter seat as marked.

Coat to Brown Suit

1. Shorten Sleeves.
2. Take in "left" side.

Pants to Brown Suit

1. Outseam 42 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
2. Alter seat as marked.

WATSON stated he placed Xs in appropriate spaces on alteration tickets as the tailor marked and fitted the suits to RALPH and called out the alterations to be made. WATSON denied being "aggressive" and stated he is unable to understand why RALPH does not recall suits were fitted to him in detail as revealed by alteration tickets.

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WATSON again stated he does not specifically recall ~~RAYMOND~~ TOWNSEND leaving merchandise covered by NM sales ticket number 63194-14 with him (WATSON) for disposal; however, such practice is not unusual and it is entirely possible such circumstances were applicable to this particular purchase. WATSON volunteered, since NM records do not indicate merchandise covered by this sale ticket was mailed, that ESTES possibly took merchandise with him when he left store.

WATSON stated he did not see any need for reducing the above information to signed statement form.

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[redacted] Sheraton-Dallas
Hotel, made available for examination the following on microfilm records:

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Folio Z 63587 reflecting charges to account of
BILLIE SOL ESTES, rooms 2911, 2912, 2913 during
period September 6 - September 9, 1961;

Folio Z 63127 reflecting charges to the account of Dr.
JAMES T. RALPH, room 2419, during period September
7 - September 10, 1961;

Folio Z 63128 reflecting charges to the account of
William E. Morris, room 2421, during period
September 7 - September 9, 1961.

None of the above included charges identifiable as
postage for mailing of packages or otherwise.

[redacted] stated the hotel maintains no record
as to packages accepted from guests for mailing, insured or
otherwise.

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Date 5/14/62~~C. H. MOSELEY~~

CLARENCE HILARY MOSELEY, Director, Dallas Commodity Office, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), was questioned as to the employment status of W. P. MATTOX, who, according to newspaper accounts on the same date, had been suspended by State ASCS officials on the basis of having accepted from BILLIE SOL ESTES expenses, plane trip and hotel, in connection with a trip to Washington, D.C.

MR. MOSELEY stated ^{W. P.}MATTOX, as an ASCS Committeeman from Reeves County, Texas, was elected to such position by farmers of the county. Such Committeemen are paid from Federal funds on a per diem basis. They are not classified Civil Service employees, but under legislation of fairly recent date, persons occupying such positions are eligible for Government retirement.

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HENRY C. GOODPASTURE, Chief, Fiscal Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, (ASCS), Dallas Commodity Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (USDA), being duly sworn, May 10, 1962 furnished the information set forth below.

MR. GOODPASTURE stated it is not at all unusual and, in fact, it is a very common practice for operators of grain storage elevators to assign payments due them from Commodity Credit Corporation for storage of Government grain. He said he could recall no instances when his agency had declined to approve such assignments. He said such approval is handled entirely by the Dallas office for assignments within the 12-state area covered by his office, no approval from or notification to Washington headquarters being required.

GOODPASTURE explained the machinery by which assignments are effected as follows: the assignor (warehouseman) initiates an assignment by execution of Commodity Credit Corporation Form 252 (March 9, 1954), which is a document in legal form by which the assignor authorizes and instructs that payments due him be made to a designated assignee. Form 252 is sent to the assignee, who executes Form 251, (March 9, 1954) a "Notice of Assignment". Both forms are sent to ASCS, where the Claims and Collections Section examines the documents and approves them, the date and hour of such approval being the effective date of assignment.

The assignee specifies in Form 251 whether assignee is (a) a financial institution, (b) a person or firm holding a lien or encumbrance, or (c) a person or firm not holding a lien or encumbrance. GOODPASTURE stated at least 99 per cent of the assignments fall into the first two categories and approval is given with little question. He said those in the third category are so infrequent that he could not at the moment recall a specific instance. Such would include, for example, an estate pending where the appropriate person to whom payments should be made might be subject to question. In such cases, more thorough examination by ASCS would be necessary prior to approval.

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The assignor and assignee are advised of the date and hour of acceptance by form letter DL-535-F1. The original documents are maintained by ASCS, not filed for Court record. All payments after the effective date are made directly to the assignee at the address furnished. The assignment must call for all of the proceeds due the warehouseman, as ASCS does not wish to "keep books" for the assignor. The assignment is effective until duly cancelled or, in any case, with expiration of the Government's related contract with the warehouseman. He explained that all contracts with warehousemen expired as to June 30, 1960 with the inception of a new contract form, that new assignments were required.

MR. GOODPASTURE stated no approval is given to an assignment prior to the effective date of a Uniform Grain Storage Agreement, (USGA, contract between Government and warehouseman). He said it is conceivable that application for USGA and for assignment might be executed simultaneously, and due to the fact papers in connection with such transactions are handled by different personnel, in ASCS, approval of assignment actually predate approval of the contract. He said such did not occur in the case of BILLIE SOL ESTES, despite a recent inference he had noted in the press.

MR. GOODPASTURE stated he had recently, at the request of USDA, Washington, D.C., supplied figures as to all payments made by ASCS to assignees of BILLIE SOL ESTES under grain storage contracts since effective dates of assignments, and similar figures as to warehouses where it has been found ESTES had an affiliation, as well as figures as to warehouses in the name of COLEMAN MC SPADDEN, a known associate of ESTES. MR. GOODPASTURE permitted examination of files reflecting assignments in the various instances and supplied a copy of the tabulated details from which he arrived at the figures furnished to his Washington headquarters as to total payments made. It is observed such tabulations, performed on IBM machines, reflect the code number of the warehouse involved, its name and location, purposes of payments (wheat, grain, sorghum, etc.), dates of payments, draft numbers, and amounts. MR. GOODPASTURE stated such payments include those made through March 31, 1962, payments since that date being in suspension pending determination of the status of ESTES, et al. The tabulations set forth below were made by Agent in MR. GOODPASTURE's presence on the basis of file reviews and examination of IBM tabulations furnished:

Elevator Code	Warehouse	Effective date, beginning of Estes operation	Assignee	Date of Assignment	Total Paid
<u>Estes operated</u>					
9-7663	United Elevators, Plainview, Texas	3/9/59	Commercial Solvents Corp. (1)	4/2/59, 8/18/60	
8-7858	" " " Kress, Texas	3/4/60	"	"	
8-8048	" " " Lamesa, Texas	4/26/61	"	"	
8-7883	" " " Silverton, Texas	5/25/60	"	"	
8-8021	" " " South Plains, Texas	2/25/60	"	"	
8-7425	South Plains Elev. Levelland, Texas	9/1/61	No assignment		
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					\$7,293,500.79
					7,591,274.18*
<u>Estes affiliated</u>					
8-8073	Hale Co. Grain Co. Plainview, Texas	9/22/60	Commercial Credit Corp. (2)	10/17/60	\$ 282,011.26
9-8068	Palo Duro Grain Co. Tulia, Tex.	7/14/60	"	10/6/60	1,279,769.29
9-8126	Allied Elevators Hereford, Texas	6/27/61	"	1/2/62	29,189.03
<u>McSpadden</u>					
9-8079	Assoc. Growers of Wildorado, Wildorado, Tex.	10/4/60	prefab Steel Structures (3)	10/12/60	159,752.32
9-8105	McSpadden Gr. Co. Burris, Texas	6/20/61	Butler Mfg. Co. (4)	7/5/61	482.50
			C.I.T. Corp. (5)	9/7/61	40,491.55
8-9799	Tucumcari Gr. Co. Tucumcari, New Mexico	7/28/61	No assignment		

- (1) Commercial Solvents Corp., 260 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, [redacted] signing for assignee.
- (2) Commercial Credit Corporation, 300 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, [redacted] signing for assignee. mb
- (3) Prefab Steel Structures, 109 East 16th Street, Amarillo, Texas, [redacted] signing for assignee.
- (4) Butler Manufacturing Company, 7400 East 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] signing for assignee; assignment terminated 8/10/61.
- (5) T. I. T. Corporation, 408 North St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas, [redacted] signing for assignee.

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* When on May 10, 1962 it was pointed out to MR. GOODPASTURE that a representative of Commercial Solvents Corporation had informed Agents of the New York Office of FBI that a total of \$7,601,374.74 had been received by that company from Commodity Credit Corporation as assignee of ESTES, MR. GOODPASTURE stated he was unable to account for the difference of \$307,873.65 shown to have been paid to this concern on the basis of IBM tabulations, unless this difference was paid by the New Orleans office of ASCS for assignment of cotton storage proceeds.

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On May 14, 1962, MR. GOODPASTURE advised records had been re-searched over the previous weekend, as a result of which two additional payments to Commercial Solvents, totaling \$297,773.39, had been located, leaving a new difference of \$10,100.56. MR. GOODPASTURE supplied details as to the two additional payments located and advised new tabulations have been run off on IBM machines, copies of which are being furnished to USDA, Washington, and a copy for FBI, Dallas. He said ASCS does not keep a "customer account" as to payments made to various assignees, and accordingly, his tabulations were the result of extensive record searches. He said the most recent re-check was extremely thorough and he had little hope of finding the difference, but should same be accounted for he would advise promptly.

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MR. GOODPASTURE pointed out that certain payments had been made to warehousemen following assignments of proceeds, as follows:

\$12,013.01 was paid to United Elevators, of which \$11,925.51 represented purchase contract refunds not under United's USGA contract, the balance paid directly for inspection and weighing charges.

\$46,245.25 was paid to Allied Elevators for the same reasons.

MR. GOODPASTURE was asked as to the identity of "Smith-Bawden" terminals which had been referred to by a representative of Commerical Solvents Corporation in discussing their dealings with ESTES with Agents of the New York Office. He advised the "Smith-Bawden" terminals were predecessor companies to United Elevators, Plainview, Texas.

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On the basis of information that a telephone call was made on February 2, 1962 from 445-3807, Pecos, Texas, listed to ESTES ENTERPRISES, to RALPH [REDACTED] Texas, a check of the Criss-Cross Telephone directory reflected the above number to be listed to [REDACTED]

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A check of the telephone directory confirmed this listing and reflected a listing also to C. B. Rolph Construction Company, 1712 Broadway, Lubbock, telephone PO 2-1445.

Operator 32, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Lubbock, advised telephonically that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] C. B. Rolph Construction Company, [REDACTED] has been on file since November 1, 1961, that [REDACTED] with monthly income of about \$1,500, [REDACTED] Minnesota, credit rating satisfactory.

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by SAC CURTIS O. LYNUM /sa Date dictated 5/11/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION: MR. WELTE,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (58-59)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka., et al
 ITSP; BRIBERY
 (OO: Dallas)

Remytel 5/9/62 captioned BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka., et al,
 ITSP - MF; Conspiracy, and transcript of BILLIE SOL ESTES'
 account in First National Bank of Pecos. *W*

Attached is one box of Recordak film, the microfilm
 of 168 ledger sheets of ESTES' account in the First National
 Bank of Pecos. It is requested that the General Investigative
Division ask the Laboratory to develop the film and print four
copies of each picture, one set for the Bureau and one set for
El Paso, one set which Bureau may wish to forward to the Depart-
ment, and one set for Dallas, office of origin. The negatives
may be retained by the Laboratory.

Bureau instructed in its tel of 5/7/62 that this
 material be forwarded in form suitable for dissemination by
 the Department by 5/14/62. El Paso simply does not have the
 facilities for the development and handling of this material.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. ^{ROSEN}Belmont

DATE: May 17, 1962

FROM : ^{WELTE}~~A. Rosen~~

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

B. APPROX. 1911 D.C.

In connection with the Mary K. Jones incident which was touched off when Senator John Williams (R-Delaware) made a statement from the floor of the Senate that Miss Jones had been "railroaded" to a mental hospital because she knew too much, we have now obtained a copy of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia records. These records include a copy of a committment order signed by U. S. District Judge Edward M. Curran dated April 26, 1962.

These records were obtained on the afternoon of May 17, 1962, and have been furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department. The Department has also been furnished with detailed summaries of interviews with doctors and individuals involved in this phase of the investigation.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Evans

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In the Matter of

APR 26 1962

MARY K. JONES

HARRY M. HULL, Clerk Mental Health No.

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Patient

W - 51

District of Columbia General Hospital
 District Building
 19th & E Streets, S. E.

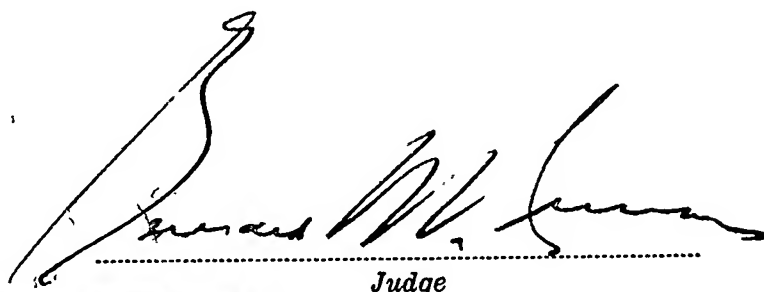
ORDER

Upon consideration of the petition filed in the above-entitled case, it is by the Court,
 this 26th day of April 1962,

ORDERED, that the writ provided by law issue and the patient is directed to appear before
 the Commission on Mental Health at the time and place therein designated, and it is

ORDERED, that the petition filed herein be referred forthwith to the Commission on
 Mental Health, acting under direction of this Court, for a report and recommendation for good
 cause shown within twenty-five days hereof, in accordance with the statute made and provided,
 and it is

ORDERED, that Mary K. Jones be detained
 in District of Columbia General Hospital, for thirty days hereafter, unless meanwhile discharged
 therefrom or transferred to Saint Elizabeths Hospital, and pending further order of this Court.


 Judge

A TRUE COPY
 TEST: 5-17-62
 HARRY M. HULL, Clerk,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In the Matter of

MARY K. JONES

Mental Health No.

861-62

Patient

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PETITION

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To the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Your petitioner _____
represents to the Court as follows:HARRY M. HULL, CLERK
respectfullyb6
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1. That he is an officer authorized to make arrests in the District of Columbia, and

2. That _____ Mary K. Jones _____, was apprehended

in the District of Columbia on the 25th day of April, 1962 and has
been detained at District of Columbia General Hospital, to be observed and examined for his-her men-
tal health, for the reason that:

On April 25, 1962, the Metropolitan Police Department received a report of an alleged mental case at the United States Department of Agriculture Building. Upon arrival the officers observed the patient in a very confused state of mind and unable to care for herself. The patient was taken to the District of Columbia General Hospital and examined by a staff physician who admitted her to the Psychiatric Service of the Hospital for mental observation and treatment.

3. Your petitioner is informed, and believes and therefore avers said patient is of unsound mind, incapable of managing his-her own affairs; and within the purview of the statute in that case made and provided, it is not desirable to permit him-her to go about unsupervised, and he-she is a proper subject for commitment to a hospital for treatment.

Wherefore, the premises considered, your petitioner prays:

1. That the proper writ, as provided by law, may issue, and the Commission on Mental Health be directed to examine said patient and report its findings and recommendations to the Court.

2. That said patient, if found to be of unsound mind, (1) be committed to Saint Elizabeths Hospital or other hospital, or (2) if harmless, committed to relatives or friends willing to accept the care, custody and maintenance of patient, or (3) if so entitled, be committed to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs for care and treatment in a Veterans Facility.

3. That a Committee of the estate be appointed.

4. And for such other relief as the best interest of the patient may require, and to the Court seem just and proper.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of April, 1962.

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HARRY M. HULL, Clerk,

Notary Public, D. C.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH, to

MARY K. JONES W - 51
Patient

Mental Health No. 861-62

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GENERAL HOSPITAL
NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the District of Columbia, alleging that Mary K. Jones is of unsound mind and praying for his-her commitment to a hospital for treatment, and the appointment of a Committee to manage his-her estate. The COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH, acting under the direction of the District Court, will conduct a HEARING upon the allegations of that petition, on the 7th day of May, 1962, at 9:45 A. M. in

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

and will examine said patient and any other person whose testimony may be relevant, competent and material upon the issue of his-her mental illness. Said patient may appear personally or by attorney at the time and place aforesaid to oppose the allegations of the petition and final order of adjudication.

ALL RELATIVES ARE DIRECTED TO BE PRESENT:—father, mother, husband, wife, and adult children of patient, as the case may be, are hereby made parties to this proceeding, and will be examined concerning their financial ability to defray expense of hospital treatment, if such is recommended.

COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

APR 30 1962

By

SAE Loderick
Secretary.

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M.H. 861-62
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District of Columbia General Hospital

Washington, D. C. April 27, 1962

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CERTIFICATE OF CONDITION OF MENTAL HEALTH

MAY 1 - 1962

HARRY M. HULL, CLERK

We, the undersigned, physicians of the Staff of the District of Columbia General Hospital, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1938, entitled "An Act to provide for insanity proceedings in the District of Columbia", do hereby certify that we have made an examination of the mental condition of _____
MARY K. JONES and in our judgement said MARY K. JONES is of unsound mind and is a proper subject for commitment to a hospital for treatment of her mental condition.

Diagnosis: Schizophrenic reaction, acute undifferentiated type.

J.L.F.

STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
GENERAL HOSPITAL

by:

R. Schaefer M.D.
W.H. Pine, M.D. M.D.

To:

The Commission on Mental Health
District of Columbia

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In the Matter of

MARY K. JONES

MAY 8 1962

Mental Health No. 861-62

HARRY M. HULL, Clerk
Patient

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

The Commission on Mental Health, acting under the direction of this Court, has made an examination of the mental condition of MARY K. JONES and has inquired into her affairs, having conducted a hearing on the 7th day of May 1962 and having examined the patient, relatives, friends and witnesses upon the issue of her mental condition and their ability to pay the expense of her maintenance and treatment in a hospital, and reports its findings to be:

1. That [redacted] was present at the hearing to determine the mental condition of Mary K. Jones, patient, and requests the discharge of the patient to her custody asserting her ability to assume the responsibility and provide for the necessary care and treatment of the patient in her home under the supervision of a physician of their own choice. b6
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2. Present at the hearing were: [redacted] patient, [redacted] N. Battle Hales, friend, Department of Agriculture; Pvt. [redacted] .P.D.; [redacted] Staff District of Columbia General Hospital; [redacted] Staff District of Columbia General Hospital; [redacted] Maryland; [redacted] North Carolina; [redacted] Interstate Service, Dept. of Public Health.

Wherefore, The Commission on Mental Health recommends to the Court as follows:

1. That Mary K. Jones, patient, be discharged to the custody of [redacted] who is willing to assume the responsibility and provide for the necessary care and treatment of the patient in her home under the supervision of a physician of their own choice; b6
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2. That the petition filed herein be dismissed.

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Commission on Mental Health

Chairman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In the Matter of

MARY K. JONES

HARRY M. HULL, Clerk Mental Health No. 861-62

Patient
F-W-51**ORDER**

The Commission on Mental Health, acting under the direction of this Court, reporting that



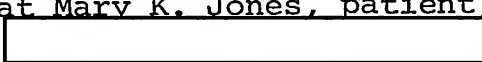
was present at the hearing to determine

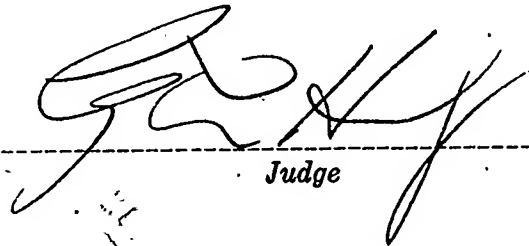
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the mental condition of Mary K. Jones, patient, in the above-entitled cause and requests the discharge of the patient, to her custody asserting her ability to assume the responsibility and provide for the necessary care and treatment of the patient in her home under the supervision of a physician of their own choice;

it is by the Court, this _____ 8th _____ day of _____ May _____, 1962..

ORDERED:

1. That Mary K. Jones, patient, be discharged to the custody of  who is willing to assume the responsibility and provide for the necessary care and treatment of the patient in her home under the supervision of a physician of their own choice;
2. That the petition filed herein be dismissed.

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 Judge

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URGENT 5-11-62 10-56 PM CDST TJF
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., BRIBERY, COI. OO DL.
RE WFO TEL MAY ELEVEN INSTANT.

8 SUBSCRIBER TO [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
ATTN: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (58-188)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OO - DALLAS

Re telephone call to Dallas, 5/5/62, from Mr. WELTE, Supervisor, Bureau.

Only remaining leads in Dallas Division re bribery prospects are as follows:

1.) interview with [redacted] Texas, who allegedly purchased grain elevator at Memphis, Texas. (See reports of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, 4/20 and 5/1/62, Dallas, re information from USDA employee, Amarillo, Texas, to effect that one [redacted] Texas, had claimed two men, unidentified, approached him to participate in purchase of the grain elevator at Memphis, claiming USDA employee, Dallas, unidentified, would be cut in for a share and elevator would stay full.)

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2.) interview with FRANK CAIN, Dallas attorney, who represents Pacific Finance Co. and testified before Texas AG WILSON's Court of Inquiry, Dallas, 4/20/62 that he had conversations with ESTES, at which time ESTES alleged he had to make large payoffs and also claimed to have received a phone call from one JAMIE WHITTEN (apparently member of U. S. House of Representatives). CAIN has been interviewed orally but has been unavailable to execute signed statement under oath.

It is expected both these leads can be completed 5/7,8/62.

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2-El Paso (29-351)
2-Dallas
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (58-59)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET. AL.
BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OO: DALLAS

Re phone call from Supervisor WILLIAM WELTE to SA [redacted]
[redacted] El Paso, 5/5/62.

No pending investigation El Paso Division relative to captioned matter. Case RUC'd with submission of the report of SA [redacted] dated 4/24/62 at El Paso.

RE ESTES' BANK RECORDS:

While Bureau Agents were searching ESTES Enterprises and obtaining material of an evidentiary nature with regard to the ITSP-MF violation, WILL WILSON's men were also on the scene and obtaining from Estes Enterprises many records including cancelled checks and bank statements. [redacted] has advised that WILL WILSON's men did not leave a receipt for the material they took but did return these records about ten days ago. [redacted] stated he does not have any way of knowing whether all of the records obtained by WILSON's men were returned since no receipt was left, however it was his understanding that all of the records were returned and WILSON's Office simply photographed or made copies of the various records.

It is not believed necessary that the Bureau examine ESTES' bank records with regard to the ITSP violation. AUSA [redacted] has advised that there is a grave legal question as to whether or not the FBI could review these records for admissible evidentiary material since the records are now under the control of the Receiver. [redacted] is conducting research in this matter and will furnish his findings at a later date. [redacted] is most cooperative and financial records of ESTES can be reviewed at any time in order to obtain the answer to any specific question which might arise in connection with the Bribery matter.

C. C. [redacted]

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1 - Dallas (58-288) (info)

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Copies of practically all of the material obtained by the FBI from ESTES' files have been furnished to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at his request for use in answering the various civil actions filed against ESTES and others.

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URGENT 5-11-62 11-25 PM NRB
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC WFO 87-8242
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 87-15971

RE WFO TELETYPE MAY ELEVEN INSTANT.

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY COI.

SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS SET FORTH IN REFERRED TELETYPE
FOR THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AS FOLLOWS--
FIVE EIGHT THREE DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX, DAIRY FRESH ASSOCIATION
FOOD CO., FOUR SEVEN SEVEN ZERO EAST FIFTYTH ST., HUNTINGTON PARK,
LOS ANGELES-- SIX TWO FOUR DASH ONE ZERO ONE ONE, BILTMORE HOTEL,,
FIVE ONE FIVE S. OLIVE, LOS ANGELES-- SIX THREE FOUR DASH TWO ONE TWO
THREE, CITY HALL, CITY OF PARAMOUNT, ONE SIX TWO ONE NINE S.
PARAMOUNT ST, LOS ANGELES-- THREE TWO ONE DASH ZERO NINE FIVE SEVEN,
AVALON FARMS, /DAIRY PRODUCTS/, FOURTEEN THOUSAND S. AVALON,
LOS ANGELES--NINE THREE ONE DASH ONE NINE ONE ONE, CARNATION CO.,
FIVE ZERO FOUR FIVE WILSHIRE,

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ALL OF THE FOREGOING ARE PUBLISHED NUMBERS AND WITH EXCEPTION OF
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URGENT 5-11-62 7-35 PM MST DRH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC DALLAS, ATTENTION MR. WILLIAM WHITE.
FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59"
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL BRIBERY DASH CONFLICT OF INTREST.

DAILY SUMMARY

RE MY TEL MAY ELEVEN LAST SETTING OUT CALLS MADE ON ESTES
CREDIT CARD OR BY JAMES RALPH FROM MC HEAN, VIRGINIA, FOLLOWING ARE
TWO ADDITIONAL CALLS.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE LAST, CREDIT CARD NUMBER FOUR FOUR FIVE
DASH FOUR NINE ONE SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE /ESTES BUSINESS TELEPHONE
CREDIT CARD/ TELEPHONED FROM MC HEAN VIRGINIA TO ESTES AT PECOS
FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH THREE THREE ONE SEVEN.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST, DOCTOR JIM RALPH AT MC HEAN VIR-
GINIA PLACED A CALL TO BILLIE ESTES AT PECOS NUMBER FOUR FOUR FIVE
DASH FOUR BLANK ONE SIX. CALL CHARGED TO TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOUR
FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE.

REVIEW OF ALL CALLS ON ESTES HOME AND BUSINESS PHONES COMPLETED.
THIS INCLUDES CREDIT CARD CALLS. AIRTEL BEING SUBMITTED FIVE TWELVE
NEXT ON RESULTS OF SEARCH.

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URGENT 5-12-62 4-47 PM MST DRH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 1 P

DAILY SUMMARY

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

AIRTEL CONTAINING FULL DETAILS OF REMAINING TELEPHONE CHECKS
SUBMITTED AMSD.

LIST OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES WE KNOW ESTES INVOLVED IN FOR-
WARDED BY TELETYPE.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED IN DEATH GEORGE KRUTILEK AND
INQUIRY CONTINUING.

DALLAS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, WFO

AND SAC RICHMOND

FROM SAC, CINCINNATI/58NEW/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. BRIBERY., CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Tolson _____
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OO: DALLAS

RE WFO TEL MAY ELEVEN LAST.

ON MAY TWELVE LAST, [REDACTED]

OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, ZANESVILLE, OHIO /CONCEAL IN REPORTS/

ADVISED SA [REDACTED] A REVIEW OF ALL TOLL CALLS FROM

NORWICH, OHIO, DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, TO APRIL TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, SHOWS NO CALLS FROM NORWICH TO MC LEAN, VIRGINIA. HE SAID IF SUCH A CALL WERE COLLECT THAT NO RECORD WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ZANESVILLE, BUT THE MC LEAN, VIRGINIA PHONE NUMBER WOULD HAVE TO BE CHECKED FOR IDENTITY OF NORWICH, OHIO NUMBER.

RICHMOND DIVISION HAS LEAD IN RETEL TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO CI. UPON RECEIPT OF IDENTITY OF NORWICH, OHIO PHONE NUMBER FROM RICHMOND DIVISION, CINCINNATI WILL DETERMINE IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND SUTEL TO BUREAU AND WFO.

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TO,

DIRECTOR FBI/29-28704/ AND SAC, WFO /87-8242/

FROM,

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY /87-7903/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL BRIBERY, COI. OO DASH DL.

REWFOAIRTEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE SEVEN LAST AND WFO TEL TO
DIRECTOR AND SACS FIVE ELEVEN LAST.

CLAREMORE, OKLA. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS [REDACTED]

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OKLA. CITY TELEPHONE NUMBER JACKSON EIGHT DASH FOUR FIVE
THREE THREE IS HOME THELPHONE FOR EMERY E. JACOBS, ONE NINE
ZERO FIVE N. W. THIRTY FIRST ST. OKLA. CITY.

[REDACTED] OKLA. LISTING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Y. OKLAHOMA CITY INDICES NEGATIVE ON
NINETEEN SIXTY ONE OKLAHOMA CITY DIRECTORY LISTS

[REDACTED] FAMOUS BRANDS WHOLESALE

LIQUOR, OKLAHOMA CITY.

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OKLAHOMA CITY INDICES NEGATIVE FOR [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTY

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OKLAHOMA CITY DIRECTORY LIST:
STORAGE, INC., OKLA. CITY.



OKLAHOMA COLD

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LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK, OKLA. CITY, ACCOUNT OF EMERY E. JACOBS AND MRS. EMERY E. JACOBS REVIEWED, SOURCE OF ALL DEPOSITS ASCERTAINED AND DETERMINED WITH MINOR EXCEPTION TO CONSIST OF DEPOSITS OF GOVERNMENT CHECKS. NO CHECKS DRAWN ON ACCOUNT ASCERTAINED TO BE PERTINENT TO THIS CASE. REPORT TO FOLLOW.

AMSD COPIES BE DESIGNATED FOR DALLAS AND EL PASO.

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URGENT 5-12-62 10-51 AM SK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/
FROM SAC, MIAMI 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., BRIBERY., COI., OO-DALLAS.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL, MAY ELEVEN LAST.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE EIGHT TWO
DASH ZERO FOUR FIVE EIGHT, CONNECTED APRIL THREE SIXTY ONE
FOR LAWRENCE E. CLARK, ONE SIX ZERO SIX, CARAMBOLA ROAD,
LAKE CLARK SHORES. CURRENT CITY DIRECTORY REFLECTS HIS WIFE
AS DAISY M. CLARK, AND EMPLOYMENT AS INSURANCE ADJUSTOR. CREDIT
BUREAU REPORT APRIL SIXTY ONE, FROM ERIE, PA., IDENTIFIES CLARK
AS FIFTY FOUR, AND FORMER RESIDENT OF THAT AREA THIRTY YEARS
AND SELF EMPLOYED THERE AS CLARK AUTO SALES. NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH CLARK LOCATED MIAMI INDICISS. REC-1 29-28704-461

DALLAS ADVISED VIA AIR MAIL. EX 115

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cc: Curran

Date 5/14/62

To

☒ Director

Att.

FILE #

☒ SAC WFO

Title BILLIE SOL ESTES,

☐ ASAC

ET AL

☐ Supv.

BRIBERY, COI

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign.....Reassign.....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline.....

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials

to

☐ Submit new charge-out

☐ Submit report by

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Re Newark teletype 5/12/62.

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA. ET AL. BRIBERY DASH CONFLICT OF
INTEREST. RE EL PASO TELETYPE TO BUTTE, SF, AND LA MAY ELEVEN,
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STATE COLLEGE, BOZEMAN, MONT.

[REDACTED] MONTANA WOOL

GROWERS ASSOCIATION, HELENA, MONT.

[REDACTED] WOOL GROWERS, THE
ASSOCIATION PUBLICATION, WITH ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND CIRCULATION.

HE HAS PRINTED WRITE DASH UPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF FBI FUGITIVES
IN THIS MAGAZINE.

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WELL ACQUAINTED WITH U. S. CONGRESSMEN FROM WOOL GROWING STATES.

PRESENTLY ATTENDING MONTANA STOCKGROWERS ASSOCIATION MEETING, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, AND WILL RETURN MAY THIRTEEN, NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WFO TEL MAY ELEVEN, LAST. RE TOLL CALLS MADE FROM AND TO TELEPHONES OF SUBJECTS.

PECOS TELEPHONE FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH THREE THREE ONE SEVEN, ASSIGNED TO ESTES RESIDENCE. PECOS TELEPHONE FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH THREE EIGHT ZERO SEVEN IS AN UNLISTED PHONE ASSIGNED TO ESTES AT HIS OFFICE.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/
AND DALLAS

FROM SAC, RICHMOND /58-185/
BILLIE SOL~~E~~ ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WFO TEL MAY ELEVEN LAST.

CALL CHARGED TO DR. JAMES T. RALPH, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA^A,
TO STANARDSVILLE, VIRGINIA, FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYTWO,
TO NINE EIGHT FIVE DASH TWO THREE THREE FOUR LISTED TO BAK
DASH CO DASH TURKEY FARMS. CALL FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTYTWO,
TO RICHMOND SIX FOUR THREE DASH TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, IS TO
HOTEL RICHMOND.

RICHMOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REQUESTED FOR DATA FROM
IBM CARDS AND RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY
FOURTEEN NEXT AT EARLIEST.

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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/

FROM - SAC, KANSAS CITY /58-194/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY - COI.

RE WFO TEL MAY ELEVEN LAST.

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DIAL, INC., CASSVILLE, MO., WHOSE IDENTITY MUST BE CONCEALED DUE TO NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT, AND WHOSE EMPLOYER OPERATES DIAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES CASSVILLE, EXETER, WASHBURN AND SHELL KNOB, MO., THIS DATE ADVISED SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON THAT NUMBER [REDACTED]

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FROM SAC NEWARK

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DL.
RE WFO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, FIVE ELEVEN LAST.

TUCKERTON, N.J. PHONE NUMBER TWO NINE SIX DASH TWO FIVE
NINE ONE LISTED TO E. WITTWER, NORTH WOOD STREET, TUCKERTON,
NEW JERSEY. IN NINETEEN FIFTYONE, ERNEST WITTWER, WOOD ST.,
TUCKERTON, N.J. WAS A PLANT INFORMANT EMPLOYED AT KIMBELL
GLASS COMPANY, VINELAND, N.J. HE WAS BORN JANUARY TWELVE,
NINETEEN HUNDRED, SWITZERLAND. SERGEANT AL FERRIGNOR,
N.J. SP, ADVISED ERNEST WITTWER, SR., ABOVE ADDRESS, NOW
EMPLOYED BY DREDGING CO. IN MARYLAND OR DELAWARE. SON BY
SAME NAME AND ADDRESS IS SELF EMPLOYED AS A PILE DRIVER.
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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/

FROM - SAC, PITTSBURGH

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, FIVE ELEVEN SIXTYTWO.

PRETEXT PHONE CALL TO EIGHT SIX THREE DASH FOUR ZERO ZERO
ZERO, DISCLOSED NUMBER LISTED TO PAUL LENHART-S SERVICE CENTER
FIVE TWO NINE LINCOLN HIGHWAY, WEST, IRWIN, PA. RUC

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC DALLAS 29-1096

BILLIE SOL² ESTES, ETAL. ITSP DASH MF, CONSP. OO EL PASO. RE WHETHER BUTELEPHONE CALL OF WILLIAM WELTE TO DALLAS, MAY TWELVE, INS. RE WHETHER OR NOT ROBERT E. CLEMENTS IS FATHER OF FRANK G. CLEMENT, FORMER GOVERNOR OF TENN.

RECORDS DUN AND BRADSTREET, DALLAS, CHECKED BY SA RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE, APRIL FIVE, LAST, REFLECTED SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING CO., AMARILLO, TEXAS, CHARTERED FEB. FIFTEEN, THIRTYEIGHT. ROBERT E. CLEMENTS AND WIFE, THELMA M. CLEMENTS, OWNER ALL BUT QUALIFYING SHARES. ROBERT E. CLEMENTS BORN EIGHTEEN NINETYFIVE AND NATIVE OF CALIF. FROM NINETEEN NINETEEN TO NINETEEN THIRTYTWO WAS ENGAGED IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS IN LONG BEACH, CALIF. IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE BECAME CO-FOUNDER, TOGETHER WITH [REDACTED] OLD AGE SECURITY PLAN AND [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED WITH THE MOVEMENT UNTIL EARLY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT [REDACTED] TEXAS AND [REDACTED]

NOTE CLEMENTS HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED AND COMPLETE LIST

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OF RELATIVES NOT AVAILABLE THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HE REPORTEDLY
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AGENT ASSIGNED CASE OF OPINION CLEMENTS NO RELATION TO FRANK
G. CLEMENT, FORMER GOVERNOR OF TENN. NOTE DIFFERENCE IN SPELLING
OF NAMES.

AGENT RECALLS [REDACTED] WAS FORMER BUREAU AGENT IN EARLY
FORTIES AND PERSONNEL FILE AT BUREAU WILL SHOW RELATIVES.

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BUREAU REVIEW PERSONNEL FILE OF FORMER SA [REDACTED] TO
RESOLVE QUESTION.

EL PASO ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, DALLAS

FROM

SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ /P/

BILLIE SOL ESTES EL AL BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. OO-DALLAS.

RE BUTEL TO SAN ANTONIO TODAY AND EL PASO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY FIVE LAST.

AUSTIN, TEXAS TELEPHONE NUMBER GR EIGHT DASH TWO FIVE SEVEN THREE IS LISTED IN NAME OF U. S. SENATOR RALPH W. YARBOROUGH, U. S. COURTHOUSE BUILDING, AUSTIN, TEXAS. EP ADVISED AM.

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DL ~~PLS REPEAT LINES FIVE AND BEGINNING SIX~~
~~LINE FIVE IS LAST LINE~~

~~BUILDING, AUSTIN, TEXAS. EP ADVISED AM.~~
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~~MY LINE FIVE IS AFTER TELEPHONE NO. SEVEN THREE~~

~~SORRY RIGHT WA MAY DISC~~

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, EL PASO /29-351/
FROM SAC, MINNEAPOLIS /87-7949/ /RUC/
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY.

REBUTEL MAY FOURTEEN, INSTANT, AND EL PASO AIRTEL
MAY TEN, LAST.

TELEPHONE NUMBER LI FIVE DASH ZERO FOUR FOUR ONE,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, IS THE AMBASSADOR MOTEL, FIVE TWO
TWO FIVE WAYZATA BOULEVARD, MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC, EL PASO /58-59/ 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

DAILY SUMMARY

DIFFICULTY BEING ENCOUNTERED IN SECURING EXACT WORK PAPERS ON WHICH ESTES FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY, FILED WITH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WAS BASED, BUT THESE EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED MAY SIXTEEN NEXT AND INQUIRY WILL IMMEDIATELY BE STARTED IN RECORDS OF BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES IN PECOS TO ESTABLISH TRUTH OR FALSITY OF STATEMENT.

ESTES ENTERPRISES PERSONNEL SUPPLIED FULL LIST OF COMPANIES IN WHICH ESTES INTERESTED. THIS LIST FURNISHED TO WFO BY TEL TODAY FOR CHECK REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

AUSA [REDACTED] INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF OPINION LEGAL REVIEW CAN BE MADE OF RECORDS OF BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES IN HANDS OF RECEIVER. HE WILL ADVISE JUDGE THOMASON ON THURSDAY OF THIS SINCE JUDGE THOMASON IS IN TRAVEL STATUS AT THIS TIME. SEPARATE TEL FORWARDED BUREAU RE THIS. [REDACTED] IS AGREEABLE TO HAVING AGENTS REVIEW RECORDS. THERE ARE SOME TEN INVESTIGATORS FROM THE MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE IN PECOS GOING THROUGH THE BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISE

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RECORDS AT THIS TIME. I BELIEVE AMICABLE RELATIONS CAN BE MAINTAINED WITH THEM AND RECOMMEND REVIEW PROCEED, BUT WILL CLEAR WITH BUREAU EARLY MAY SIXTEEN NEXT. AGENTS WILL BE IN PECOS.

TRANSCRIPT OF ALL OF ESTES ACCOUNTS IN BANKS IN EL PASO AND DALLAS DIVISIONS GOING FORWARD. CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL FORWARDED TO BUREAU AMSD TODAY MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

REVIEW OF BUREL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTYSEVEN PM, SETTING OUT LENGTHY REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW OF RECORDS CONCERNING COTTON ALLOTMENTS OR WAREHOUSE CONTRACTS REFLECTS NO INVESTIGATION PENDING FOR EL PASO. IF THIS NOT SO, BUREAU OR DALLAS PLEASE NOTIFY EL PASO.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE INFOR ACCORDING TO INFO FROM MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS AND FROM ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS FOR ESTES. ESTES FURNISHED NO INFO WHATEVER TO MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS IN THE INTERVIEW OF SUNDAY, MAY THIRTEEN LAST. DALLAS ADVISED AM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704) AND SACS DALLAS (58-188) AND
SALT LAKE CITY
FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY, COI, OO DALLAS.

IN NEWS ARTICLE WDC PAPERS TODAY, TAYLOR ALLEN, PROVO, UTAH, FORMER SOUTHWEST AREA DIRECTOR OF COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE, US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT USDA HAS BEEN AWARE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR THAT SUBJECT ESTES WAS WARNED IN ADVANCE THAT HIS PLAN TO TRANSFER COTTON ALLOTMENTS TO WEST TEXAS WAS ILLEGAL. ALLEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THIS WARNING WAS GIVEN TO JOHN DENNISON, ATTORNEY FOR ESTES AND WILLIAM P. MATTOX, VICE CHAIRMAN, REEVES COUNTY STABILIZATION COMMITTEE, WHICH COMMITTEE LATER APPROVED MANY OF THE COTTON ALLOTMENT TRANSFERS FOR ESTES. THIS WARNING WAS GIVEN BY HENRY MARSHALL, FORMER USDA COTTON EXPERT IN TEXAS, NOW DECEASED, ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN SIXTYONE AT HIS OFFICE IN COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS. ALLEN WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME. MARSHALL WAS FOUND DEAD LAST JULY IN A FIELD WITH FIVE BULLET WOUNDS FROM A BOLT ACTION RIFLE AND HIS DEATH RULED A SUICIDE. ALLEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT DENNISON

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AND MATTOX REQUESTED MEETING WITH TEXAS STATE STABILIZATION COMMITTEE SEEKING APPROVAL FOR ALLOTMENT TRANSFERS FOR ESTES, BUT COMMITTEE ARRANGED FOR THEM TO MEET WITH MARSHALL INSTEAD. ALLEN STATES THAT DENNISON FLEW WITH HIM TO DALLAS AFTER THIS MEETING AND THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HAD DURING THE TRIP. HE TRIED TO CONVINCE ALLEN THAT MARSHALL'S ATTITUDE WAS WRONG AND THAT IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT TO TRANSFER THE ALLOTMENTS. MATTOX IS QUOTED AS SAYING PREVIOUSLY THAT THE REEVES COUNTY STABILIZATION COMMITTEE HAD APPROVED THE ESTES ALLOTMENT TRANSFERS AFTER RECEIVING ADVICE FROM USDA, WASHINGTON, D.C., THAT THEY WERE LEGAL. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE IS QUOTED AS SAYING PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN OTHER STATES UNDER WHICH SIMILAR TRANSFERS OF COTTON ALLOTMENTS WERE BARRED WERE NOT FOLLOWED IN TEXAS. SALT LAKE CITY IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALLEN FOR FULL DETAILS CONCERNING THE MEETING AT COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS. INTERVIEW SHOULD BE UNDER OATH AND IT SHOULD BE DETERMINED FROM ALLEN IF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT MEETING. ^{BY MAY SIXTEEN} SUTEL SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW TO BUREAU AND WFO AND FOLLOW WITH DETAILED REPORT. ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, DALLAS
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /147-240/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.
RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

NASHVILLE, TENN. TELEPHONE NO. TWO FOUR TWO DASH THREE
FIVE SIX ZERO LISTED TO FIRM OF BASS, BERRY AND SIMS, A
REPUTABLE LOCAL LAW FIRM LOCATED IN AMERICAN TRUST BUILDING,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

CHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE RECORDS OF HOTELS AND MOTELS,
CLARKSDALE, MISS., FAILS TO REFLECT RECORD JAMES T. RALPH
PERTINENT DATE. RALPH UNKNOWN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
CREDIT BUREAU, CLARKSDALE. CHECK CITY AND PHONE DIRECTORIES,
CLARKSDALE, NEGATIVE. TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR CLARKSDALE
MAINTAINED SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., JACKSON,
MISS. NO LEAD BEING SET OUT TO CHECK PHONE COMPANY RECORDS
SINCE NO PHONE NUMBER CLARKSDALE AVAILABLE.
DALLAS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka; et al
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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies and for Dallas and El Paso one copy of a letterhead memo dated and captioned as above.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 16, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
BRIBERY

A copy of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) personnel file of Henry Harvey Marshall, deceased, former USDA official, was reviewed at the United States Department of Justice on May 15, 1962.

Marshall was born on December 18, 1909, at Franklin, Texas. He attended Franklin High School and completed three years at the University of Texas from September, 1927, through August, 1930. He worked for Nesbit Rural School, Franklin, Texas, as teacher and principal from October, 1929, to May, 1932. From July, 1932 to August, 1934, he was employed as a bookkeeper by Shaw Brothers Gin Company, Franklin, Texas. In August, 1934, Marshall was employed as a Clerk and Performance Reporter by USDA, Robertson, County, Texas, County ACA, and had this position until September, 1938. From September, 1938, until November, 1939, Marshall was Administrative Officer, USDA, Floyd County, Texas, ACA, Floydada, Texas. From November, 1939, until August, 1942, he was Principal Field Assistant and Junior Field Assistant, USDA, AAA, College Station, Texas. From August, 1942, until January 8, 1947, he was Administrative Assistant, USDA, Production and Marketing Administration (PMA), College Station, Texas.

References of Marshall, as listed on a Civil Service Commission (CSC) Form 57, were:

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Texas
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An additional reference listed on a separate Form 57 was [redacted] USDA, [redacted] D.C.

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Other CSC forms in file indicate Marshall received either promotions or transfers on the indicated dates:

On 4/4/48, he was promoted from Administrative Assistant, PMA, to Administrative Officer, PMA, Texas State Office, College Station, Texas

Effective 1/1/54, Marshall was transferred from PMA to Commodity Stabilization Service, Texas ASC State Office without change in position, grade or salary or location

On 3/28/55, he was promoted from Administrative Officer to Program Specialist, GS-11

On 12/30/56, he was promoted to GS-12, Program Specialist

Contained in the file was a letter dated May 1, 1959, from J. Taylor Allen, Director, Southwest Area Commodity Stabilization Service, Washington 25, D.C., to the Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee. The subject of the letter was "Honor Awards - 1959," and this letter requested that if the health of Henry H. Marshall permitted, then his presence was requested in Washington, D.C. on May 26 for presentation of USDA Superior Service Honor Award for 1959.

CSC Form 50, contained in the file, indicated the death of Henry H. Marshall to have occurred on June 3, 1961.

Nothing was mentioned in this personnel file as to cause of death or as to activities of Billie Sol Estes.

A letter was attached to this personnel file of Marshall, which was from John C. Bagwell, General Counsel, USDA, addressed to Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General. This letter stated that the personnel file of Henry Marshall was obtained from the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, and one copy was enclosed. The original file was stated to have been returned to the Personnel Office, ASCS, Washington, D.C.

Re: BILLIE SOL ESTES

A review of Washington, D.C. newspaper libraries ("morgues") disclosed no articles dated June, 1961, or thereabouts, mentioning the death of Henry H. Marshall in June, 1961. The same library records disclosed newspaper articles which mentioned George A. Krutilek. The files in the Library of Scripps-Howard newspapers, Washington Daily News Building, 1013 13th Street, N.W., contains the following articles:

Washington Post 4/6/62,
El Paso, Texas (AP)

"Meanwhile at Clint, Texas, the body of a Certified Public Accountant who had worked for Mr. Estes was found in his automobile. He was George Krutilek, 49, of El Paso.

"Authorities first believed he had died from carbon monoxide fumes pumped into the car from the exhaust, but this was ruled out by the coroner's office, which said it would be hard to ascertain the cause of death because of decomposition of the body ----".

New York Times 4/6/62
El Paso, Texas, 4/5/62 (UPI)

"An accountant, who had been questioned in Mr. Estes' affairs was found dead in his car last night.

"The El Paso County Coroner said Mr. Krutilek had not died of carbon monoxide fumes pumped into the car as authorities had first believed.

"The dead man, George Krutilek, 49 years old, reportedly handled the books for some of Mr. Estes' enterprises. He was a Certified Public Accountant ----"

Files in the library of the Washington Post, Washington, D.C., contained the following article:

Washington Post, 5/10/62 (UPI)
by Roy Mc Ghee

"--- officially, Pathologist Fred Bornstein ruled April 9 that Krutilek died of heart disease, and there was nothing to indicate any violence. But, Bornstein added the body had deteriorated so badly that a definitive autopsy was impossible-----"

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W. J. [unclear]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ /8/
FROM SAC, NEW YORK /87-26066/

BILLIE SOL ESTES

ITSP-MF., BRIBERY-CONFLICT OF INTEREST

RE RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW YORK THIS DATE.

[Redacted Box]

COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION, NYC, ADVISED THAT NO CHECK
IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS RECEIVED FROM
BILLIE SOL ESTES. HE SPECIFICALLY ADVISED THAT COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS CORPORATION DID NOT RECEIVE ANY CASHIERS CHECKS FROM
ESTES AND THAT ALL PAYMENTS CREDITED TO THE ESTES/ ACCOUNT
IN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO CAME FROM ASSIGNMENTS OF COMMODITY CREDIT
CORPORATION RECEIPTS. FURTHER NO CASHIER CHECK DRAWN ON THE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS, TEXAS, WAS RECEIVED BY COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS CORPORATION FROM ANYONE DURING THIS YEAR.

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URGENT 5-16-62 6-50 PM MST RAR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN. MR. WILLIAM WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV.

FROM SAC, EL PASO /58-59/ 5 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET. AL., BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

THE THREE CHECKS

EIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT, EIGHT THREE SIX NINE, AND EIGHT THREE EIGHT ZERO.

THE FOLLOWING IS A NARRATIVE OF ALL INFORMATION EL PASO HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP ON THESE CHECKS. NONE HAS ANYTHING WHATEVER TO DO, OF COURSE, WITH THE SO CALLED WASHINGTON PROJECT.

ITEM ONE. CHECK NO. EIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT.

THIS CHECK IS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTYSIX DOLLARS, FOURTEEN CENTS. IT IS ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, ON THE ACCOUNT OF BILLIE SOL ESTES SIGNED BY [REDACTED] IT WAS ISSUED TO PAY A DRAFT DRAWN BY ASSOCIATED INVESTMENT CO. OF LUBBOCK.

ASSOCIATED INVESTMENT CO. OF LUBBOCK SENT A DRAFT THROUGH THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK AT LUBBOCK DATED DECEMBER TWENTYNINE NINETEEN SIXTYONE. THE FOLLOWING IS SPECULATION BASED UPON THE MANY STAMPS ON THE CHECK BUT [REDACTED] SAYS WHEN THE DRAFT CAME INTO PECOS IT WAS RETURNED UNPAID. THERE IS A HANDWRITTEN NOTE ON THE DRAFT

"REQUEST WE RETURN TO ASSOCIATED. REFER TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION." THE DRAFT WAS SENT BACK TO THE FIRST NATIONAL AT PECOS AND WAS PAID

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BY ABOVE NUMBERED CHECK EIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT. OF COURSE THE CHECK SIGNED [REDACTED] BEARS NO ENDORSEMENT. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW HOW MUCH OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE CHECK WERE TO BE USED TO PAY INTEREST AND HOW MUCH PRINCIPAL NOR ON WHAT SPECIFIC NOTES HELD BY ASSOCIATED INVESTMENT CO. THE PROCEEDS WERE TO BE APPLIED.

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THE BANK RECORDS ON THIS TRANSACTION SHOW THAT A FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS MONEY ORDER NO. TWO SIX EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN WAS FORWARDED TO THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS, FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ASSOCIATED INVESTMENT CO. OF LUBBOCK. *5-25/52 (P. 1)*

DOCUMENTATION FOR CHECK NO. EIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT TRANSACTION - EL PASO WILL FORWARD AMSD FROM PECOS TONIGHT PHOTOSTAT OF THE CHECK, THE DRAFT, AND THE BANK MONEY ORDER. DOCUMENTATION ON THIS TRANSACTION SHOULD BE ADEQUATE. BECAUSE OF THE ISOLATED LOCATION OF PECOS, EXACT AIRLINES SCHEDULE FOR ARRIVAL OF PHOTOSTATS CANNOT BE SET OUT.

8369 CHECK NO. EIGHT THREE SIX NINE DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, DRAWN ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS, ACCOUNT OF BILLIE SOL ESTES SIGNED [REDACTED] IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTYFOUR ^{64,139} THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYNINE DOLLARS. [REDACTED] SAYS THIS CHECK WAS DRAWN IN PAYMENT OF TWO DRAFTS, BOTH DATED JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, DRAWN BY THE COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION OF LUBBOCK.

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DETAILS OF THESE TWO DRAFTS ARE , ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTYSIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTYTWO DOLLARS, SIXTYCENTS, THE OTHER IS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS, FORTY CENTS, TOTAL SIXTYFOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYNINE DOLLARS. THE DRAFTS WERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PAYMENT ON A NOTE OF THE UNITED ELEVATOR CO. IT APPEARS THIS IS UNITED ELEVATOR AT PLAINVIEW BUT NOT SUPPORTING ADDRESS. A LETTER WAS ATTACHED TO THESE TWO DRAFTS TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND BILLIE SOL ESTES FROM [REDACTED]

OF COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP., LUBBOCK, TEXAS. THE DATE ON THE LETTER IS JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. IT READS AS FOLLOWS, CONFIRMING YOUR PHONE CONVERSATION OF JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, AND YOUR AUTHORITY TO DRAW ON MR. ESTES. I AM LISTING THE AMOUNT OF EACH ACCOUNT. ONE DRAFT IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTYSIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTYTWO DOLLARS, SIXTY CENTS, ONE DRAFT IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS, FORTY CENTS. AS YOU KNOW BOTH WERE DUE NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYONE. TOTAL OF BOTH ~~WE~~ DRAFTS IS SIXTYFOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYNINE DOLLARS. I AM PUTTING BOTH DRAFTS THROUGH AS CASH ITEMS ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS ACCOUNT BILLIE SOL ESTES. THIS LETTER WAS SIGNED [REDACTED]

THE BANK RECORDS SHOW THAT FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS MONEY ORDER NO. TWO SIX NINE NINE FOUR IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTYSIX THOUSAND,
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THREE HUNDRED TWENTYTWO DOLLARS, SIXTY CENTS, WAS ISSUED TO THE FIRST CITY NATIONAL BANK OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP., HOUSTON, TEXAS.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS MONEY ORDER FOR THE SECOND DRAFT IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS, FORTY CENTS, HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED.

DOCUMENTATION WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TONIGHT WITH THIS TRANSACTION PHOTOSTAT OF SIXTYFOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYNINE DOLLAR CHECK DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, PHOTOSTAT OF THE TWO DRAFTS DRAWN BY COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP. ON ESTES, PHOTOSTAT OF FIRST NATIONAL OF PECOS MONEY ORDER NO. TWO SIX NINE NINE FOUR IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTYSIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTYTWO DOLLARS, SIXTY CENTS. NOT FORWARDED WITH THIS DOCUMENTATION IS ONE BANK MONEY ORDER ON THE SECOND DRAFT IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS, FORTY CENTS. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TONIGHT TO LOCATE THIS BANK MONEY ORDER.

ITEM NO. THREE

8386 CHECK NO. EIGHT THREE EIGHT ZERO

THIS IS DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, DRAWN ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS ON THE ACCOUNT OF BILLIE SOL ESTES SIGNED BY , IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EVEN.

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[REDACTED] SAYS THIS CHECK WAS DRAWN TO PAY FOR A CASHIER-S CHECK TO THE COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP. ON A NOTE OWED BY ALLIED ELEVATOR CO. [REDACTED]

SAID ALLIED ELEVATOR IS OWNED BY BILLIE SOL ESTES WITH TITLE IN THE NAMES OF [REDACTED] TEXAS. ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] ESTES IS PAYING ON THE NOTES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIS ELEVATOR AND WHEN THE ELEVATOR IS PAID FOR, ESTES WILL OWN ^NNIETY PERCENT OF IT AND [REDACTED] WILL OWN TEN PERCENT. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS MONEY ORDER NO. TWO SIX NINE FOUR SEVEN WAS SENT TO THE COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP. AMOUNT OF MONEY ORDER FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ON THE BANK MONEY ORDER

THE REMITTER IS SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

DOCUMENTATION ON THIS ^NTRANSACTION - PHOTOSTAT OF THE CHECK,
PHOTOSTAT OF THE BANK MONEY ORDER.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN. MR. WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

DROM SAC, EL PASO /58-59 2 P

DAILY SUMMARY

BILLIE SOL ESTES ATTORNEYS DO NOT DESIRE TO MAKE HIM AVAILABLE TO BUREAU AGENTS FOR INTERVIEW AT THIS TIME. SEPARATE TELETYPE SENT.

DETAILS AND DOCUMENTATION ON BILLIE SOL ESTES CHECKS EIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT, EIGHT THREE SIX NINE, AND EIGHT THREE EIGHT ZERO FORWARDED.

WASHINGTON PROJECT DATA CANNOT BE FORWARDED UNTIL AM OF MAY SEVENTEEN NEXT. DOCUMENTATION CANNOT BE FORWARDED UNTIL EVENING MAIL MAY SEVENTEEN NEXT. DOCUMENTATION CANNOT BE FORWARDED UNTIL EVENING MAIL MAY SEVENTEEN NEXT. WASHINGTON PROJECT WAS AN ACTUAL HOUSING PROJECT OPERATED BY ESTES IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. TRANSCRIPTS OF NUMEROUS ESTES ENTERPRISES BANK ACCOUNTS ALL FORWARDED TODAY.

LENGTHY REPORT IN THE ITSP CASE FORWARDED TODAY.

DALLAS TELETYPE DESCRIBED DESTRUCTION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY FILED ON ESTES FINANCIAL POSITION WITH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. 39-22704-479

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FALSE STATEMENT INVESTIGATION GREATLY IMPEDED BY FACT ACCOUNTANT
DESTROYED SUPPORTING PAPERS ESTES SENT HIM, BUT EFFORTS BEING MADE
BY INTERVIEW WITH [] AND BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES TO
RECONSTRUCT THESE PAPERS. TOP PRIORITY GIVEN THIS.

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PROBLEMS POSES BY PRESENCE OF MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS
REVIEWED IN SEPARATE TELETYPE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN. MR. WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
FROM SAC, EL PASO /58-59/ 4/// 5 P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL BRIBERY - COI.

MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS AT BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES.
AS OF MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT THERE ARE NINE MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATORS WORKING ON BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES RECORDS.
SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE BEEN IN PECOS SINCE THURSDAY MAY TEN LAST. AGENTS
HAVE LEARNED THAT THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS TWELVE ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATORS
FROM THE MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE TO ENTER THE INVESTIGATION. THEY DO
NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW MANY OF THEM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO
PECOS TO REVIEW BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES RECORDS. THEY DO NOT
HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW LONG THE INVESTIGATORS EXPECT TO
REMAIN AT BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES.

APPOINTED APRIL NINE NINETEEN SIXTY TWO BY

JUDGE THOMASON AS RECEIVER FOR BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES, UNDER
CHAPTER ELEVEN PROCEEDING IN THE PECOS DIVISION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT
OF TEXAS ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED A SUBPOENA IN THE MAIL FROM THE
MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE ON OR ABOUT THURSDAY MAY TEN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO.

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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THIS SUBPOENA CALLS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ALL RECORDS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE RECEIVER.

THE INTEREST OF THE AGENTS OF THE EL PASO DIVISION IN THE BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES HAS BEEN PRIMARILY IN THE ENTERPRISES CHECKS OF WHICH THERE ARE SOME FORTY THOUSAND I PECOS. APPARENTLY THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT GOT TO THE CHECKS YET SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST ABOUT DOCUMENTS AND EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS TO DATE.

INVESTIGATORS HAVE IMPLIED TO EL PASO AGENTS THAT IF THEY HAVE A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR A PARTICULAR DOCUMENT THE DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT NO ASSISTANCE CAN BE GIVEN IN A GENERAL SEARCH TYPE OF TRANSACTION. THIS HAS THE GREAT DISADVANTAGE THAT IN SOME INSTANCES WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PARTICULAR DOCUMENT WE MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR. THE SIGNIFICANCE OR EVEN THE EXISTENCE OF DOCUMENTS WOULD NOT COME TO OUR ATTENTION UNLESS WE COULD SEE ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS IN WHICH WE ARE INTERESTED. I COULD NOT DOCUMENT A SPECIFIC CASE OR ATTITUDE OF THE INVESTIGATORS. SAA [REDACTED] IN PECOS ON SPECIAL FROM DENVER STAT^{b6}_{b7c} HE TALKED TO ONE OF THE INVESTIGATORS BRIEFLY AND THE INVESTIGATOR WAS BY NO MEANS HOSTILE BUT HE WAS VERY COZY AND VOLUNTEERED NOTHING.

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NO OCCASION HAS BEEN HAD TO SEEK SPECIFIC COOPERATION TO DATE.
AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATORS IS NOT IN PECOS TODAY.

I DISCUSSED THE LEGAL SITUATION OF THE INVESTIGATORS AND THE
AGENTS AT BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES AND THE MATTER OF THE SUBPOENA
UNDER WHICH THE MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE IS WORKING WITH AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE RECORDS OF THE BILLIE SOL ESTES
ENTERPRISES ARE IN THE ABSOLUTE CUSTODY OF THE FEDERAL JUDGE OF THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS. THEY CAN NOT, PENDING PROCEEDING UNDER
CHAPTER ELEVEN, BE SEIZED BY ANYONE UNTIL THE VARIOUS ORDERS OF THE
COURT CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS SOUGHT IN CHAPTER ELEVEN HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED. UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE JUDGE THE RECORDS ARE IN THE
POSSESSION OF THE [REDACTED] QUESTIONS ARISING OVER ACCESS
TO THOSE RECORDS WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED ON THE SCENE AMONG THE
PEOPLE SEEKING ACCESS TO THE RECORDS WITH JUDGE THOMASON AS THE FINAL
AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS UNDER THE
SUBPOENA IS ONLY TO REPRODUCE THE DOCUMENTS NOT TAKE OR CONFISCATE ANY
ANY OF THEM IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH THE
PROCEEDING FOR THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER CHAPTER ELEVEN.

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THE PRESENCE OF SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS WHICH WILL BE AUGMENTED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE ACCORDING TO AVAILABL INFORMATION POSES SEVERE PHYSICAL PROBLEM REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS IN PECOS. EL PASO AGENTS ARE IN PECOS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT THEY ARE MAKING A LIMITED INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF ESTES AS REVEALED BY HIS CHECKS. THE COMMITTEE IS EXAMINING ALL DOCUMENTS ON A GENERAL FISHING EXPEDITION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY OUT NUMBERED AND WILL BE WORSE OUT NUMBERED UNLESS ADDITIONAL AGENTS ARE SENT IN ON SPECIAL WHICH I BELIEVE NOT TO BE DESIRABLE IN THE LONG RUN. THE BEACHHEAD AT PECOS IS RATHER CONFUSING NOW. THE ADDITION OF MORE AGENTS WILL ONLY ~~ATT~~TEND TO CONFUSE IT FURTHER.

IF A RECOMMENDATION IS DESIRED FROM ME IT IS THAT NO ADDITIONAL AGENTS BE SENT TO PECOS, THAT WE PROCEED WITH OUR INVESTIGATION OF THE CHECKS AND WHEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATORS RETURNS TO PECOS THAT WE ASK HIM POINT BLANK WHETHER THERE ARE ANY CHECKS OF ANY KIND IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY OF THE INVESTIGATORS. PROBLEMS ABOUT IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS IF THEY COME UP WILL BE SOLVED ON THE SPOT. WE WILL NOT TELL THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS

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WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WE WILL ADOPT AN ATTITUDE OF REASONABLENESS
ABOUT MAKING AVAILABLE TO THEM ANY DOCUMENTS IN OUR
POSSESSION AT A GIVEN TIME WHICH THEY WISH TO EXAMINE.

DALLAS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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URGENT 5-16-62 9-24 AM MST JRH

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM- SAC, EL PASO "58-59 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET. AL., BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MR. HUME COFER OF THE FIRM OF COFER AND COFER, AUSTIN, TEXAS, WHO REPRESENT BILLIE SOL ESTES OF RECORD, TELEPHONICALLY

ADVISED AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM MST THAT THE QUESTION OF AN INTERVIEW WITH ESTES AT THIS TIME HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED BY THE FIRM AND THEY HAD DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW AN INTERVIEW WITH ESTES ON ANY SUBJECTS AT THIS TIME.

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ReButelcall to WFO 5/16/62, requesting interview of Senator JOHN J. WILLIAMS (Delaware) for identity of doctor examining MARY K. JONES, USDA employee.

In response to telcall 5/16/62, to Senator WILLIAMS' Office, requesting an appointment for interview, Senator WILLIAMS returned the call after 7 p.m. setting appointment time for 8:45 a.m., 5/17/62.

He asked the nature of the inquiry and was informed that it concerned the identity of a doctor who had possibly examined JONES. WILLIAMS stated he did not know if he would furnish the doctor's identity, but that he would make himself available for interview at 8:45 a.m.

Senator WILLIAMS will be interviewed as requested.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum for information which is self-explanatory. Also enclosed is one copy of the same memorandum to Dallas for info.

Interview in the enclosed memorandum was conducted by SAs [redacted] and EDWARD C. PALMER.

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY; CONFLICT OF
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Charles S. ~~X~~Murphy, Undersecretary of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), was interviewed under oath in his office, Room 200A, Administration Building, USDA, on May 17, 1962.

Mr. Murphy advised generally regarding conferences dealing with the Cotton Advisory Council (also referred to as committee) and the Cotton Allotment Program in which he participated, that to his best recollection all were held in his office, Room 200A, Administration Building, USDA, and he was the presiding official. He said regarding conferences or meetings of the committee held in his office beginning in July, 1961, when Billie Sol Estes was first appointed to the committee, and thereafter, Estes was present to his best recollection at most of the full committee meetings. The cotton problem was discussed generally as it affected the overall industry. There were no discussions on the cotton pool allotments as they pertained to Estes or any other individual.

Regarding the conferences in which he participated and where the problems of pooled cotton allotments, including those of Estes, were discussed, he said all conferences with the exception of the one held on January 6, 1962, were attended only by USDA personnel and no outsiders were present. He said no written record was made of what transpired at the conferences and no minutes were taken. He further said if any written data was made it would relate to notes taken by staff members in attendance who would have made notes on phases affecting their particular responsibility. He pointed out that files in the Office of the Undersecretary would contain no written record of the proceedings.

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Mr. Murphy advised, according to his best recollection, the following meetings were held in his office pertaining to the Cotton Allotment Program and particularly as it affected Estes:

- (1) Meeting held sometime in November, 1961
- (2) Meeting of December 4, 1961
- (3) Meeting held sometime after December 15, 1961, and prior to January 6, 1962
- (4) Meeting of January 6, 1962, and
- (5) Meeting held between January 6 and 31, 1962,

Regarding the above Murphy said the meeting reportedly held sometime in November, 1961, could actually be the meeting of December 4, 1961, and that, in fact, there was no meeting held in November. He said, however, since the matter involving Estes currently under investigation was first brought to his attention, as he recalled, in November, 1961, he feels a meeting was held sometime during that month on this subject matter. Regarding the meeting he reported as being held after December 15, 1961, and prior to January 6, 1962, he said a meeting must have been held sometime during this period in view of the recommendation and decision made to cancel the 1961 transfers of pooled allotments affecting Estes. He could recall no meetings held after January, 1962, on this subject matter.

Mr. Murphy reported regarding the meeting of December 4, 1961, that the purpose was to reach some decision about the transfers of the pooled allotments relating to Estes. The results of this meeting led up to the December 15, 1961, memorandum of the General Counsel to the Undersecretary captioned "Billie Sol Estes, Pecos, Texas, Purchase of Pooled Cotton Allotments, Investigation Report D-3-595." He said only USDA personnel were present and no formal record was kept of the proceedings; however, some in attendance may have made notes on particular topics. He said from his recollection and from his judgment as to who normally would be present at such a meeting he concluded the following were present:

John Bagwell, General Counsel; General Counsel's Office; Emery Jacobs, Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation

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Service (ASCS); Horace Godfrey, Administrator, ASCS, and Joseph Moss, Director of the Cotton Division, ASCS.

Mr. Murphy advised regarding a meeting that was held in his office after December 15, 1961, and before January 6, 1962, that the purpose of this meeting was to pursue the recommendation that action be taken to cancel the 1961 transfers of pooled allotments. Again he stated he could furnish no specific information as to who was present but indicated only USDA personnel attended and he mentioned he is certain the General Counsel was present along with staff members having responsibilities along these lines. He said as a result of this meeting USDA sent out notices canceling 1961 transfers of pooled allotments which cancellations would affect Estes and would also affect 1962 Notices of Allotments. He pointed out 1961 Notices of Allotment had been sent out earlier in the year 1961 for that year's crop and, therefore, it was not possible at that point to cancel 1961 Notices of Allotment and in this situation the Erroneous Notice of Allotment rule would apply for 1961 which would permit the allotments to stand. He said the cancellation of the 1961 allotment transfers (distinguish from notices) would have effect on the 1962 allotment notices and for years thereafter. He said, however, at that time or in December, 1961, the decision had been made not to issue 1962 allotment notices in view of the information received of the possible illegalities of these transfers.

In view of the cancellation of the 1961 transfers of full allotments which directly affected Estes this brought about the meeting of January 6, 1962.

Mr. Murphy stated that on or about January 3, 1962, Congressman J. T. Rutherford, Texas, called him by phone urging strongly that the Department was wrong in its policy of canceling cotton allotments from the pooled acreage that had been transferred to Pecos and Reeves Counties, Texas. Murphy stated that the Congressman advised him that he had recently become familiar with this matter and had studied it with some care and was convinced that the owners had a good case. The Congressman urged that a meeting be held to give further consideration to the matter saying that the parties involved had spent substantial sums in reliance on advice they had received from state and county offices of the Department; that in his judgment they were not being treated fairly. Murphy

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stated that the Congressman in no way suggested that the case should be considered on any basis other than on its merits but he urged strongly that it be reconsidered. Mr. Murphy stated that he agreed to a meeting and Congressman Rutherford arranged for the attendance of those from outside of the Department and he made the arrangements for the Department personnel to attend. He stated that this meeting was held in his office on January 6, 1962, at which were present Billie Sol Estes, [redacted]

[redacted] Senator Ralph W. Yarborough, Texas.

Congressman J. T. Rutherford, [redacted]

[redacted] Senator Yarborough, [redacted]

[redacted] ASCS [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Godfrey, Joseph Moss, Director of the Cotton Division, ASCS, Emery Jacobs, Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, ASCS, John Bagwell and [redacted] of the General Counsel's Office. Mr. Murphy stated at the outset of the meeting Estes advised that he was entirely innocent in the matter and had acted on the advice of his attorney to the effect that the manner in which the allotments were transferred from the pools was entirely legal. Mr. Murphy stated after considerable discussion of this matter in which both sides participated, no decision was made and no recommendations were given to those present from the outside. He stated that after the outsiders had departed it was decided that the 1961 Allotment Transfer Notices would be recalled for the time being and that the Department would consider the matter further, particularly with respect to giving parties involved an opportunity to prove the bona fide character of the alleged purchases of land. He further stated that it was decided at this meeting that someone from the General Counsel's office and ASCS would check the Texas State Office and the county offices to see exactly how these cases were handled.

Mr. Murphy in reporting on the results of the meeting held on January 6, 1962, stated he, in collaboration with the General Counsel and others in attendance, had prepared a narrative of the events of the meeting which narrative contains all that he can recall of this meeting. Mr. Murphy advised that sometime after the January 6, 1962, meeting and prior to January 31, 1962, he collaborated with Mr. Bagwell regarding the cancellation of the allotment transfers for 1961. He stated he cannot recall at this time if other staff members were present at the time the matter was discussed with Mr. Bagwell at which time the latter recommended that cancellations be made. Mr. Murphy stated it was his decision to order the cancellations be made and to permit a proper showing to be made that the land had been purchased

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from Estes by the displaced property owners and the transactions were bona fide ones. He said this decision led up to the memorandum of the General Counsel to the Undersecretary dated January 31, 1962, captioned "Purchase of Pooled Cotton Allotments" and to the memorandum of the same date from the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, to the Chairman, Texas State ASC Committee. The latter memorandum in part states effective immediately in all cases in which a pooled cotton acreage allotment has been transferred to land purchased by displaced owners and leased back to the seller, the seller will be required to execute "Seller's Certificate of Bona Fide Sale of Land." A copy of this form was furnished with the memorandum for execution in this matter.

Mr. Murphy advised that James T. Ralph made no decisions at any of the meetings he may have attended as referred to above. He said as a routine he may have signed certain of the documents, however, made no decisions. Mr. Murphy stated he cannot now recall any of the meetings that Ralph attended. Murphy stated his comments regarding the participation by William E. Morris in this matter would be the same.

Mr. Murphy stated that Horace Godfrey attended some of the meetings and may or may not have attended the December 4, meeting. He said in January, 1962, Godfrey suffered a heart attack and would not have participated in any meetings around that time. He does recall that Godfrey's attitude was very strict in his dealings with allotment transfers and, therefore, was less inclined to support recommendations along these lines.

He stated Emery Jacobs attended most if not all of the meetings to his best recollection. He said that Jacobs did not express any views unless requested to do so and at no time strongly urged any point of view. He stated Jacobs did mention he felt Estes wanted to do the right thing and was guided all along on the advice of counsel.

Mr. Murphy said that although he knows [redacted] in the USDA, he does not know him personally and he never attended any of the meetings.

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Mr. Murphy advised with regard to the issuance of the 1961 allotment notices that he could not elaborate as to why these notices were issued contrary to the instructions of USDA. He said the matter at that time had not come to the attention of the Office of the Undersecretary of Agriculture

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and he, in this capacity, first learned of these possible irregularities in approximately November, 1961. He said all he knows on this subject matter has been obtained from recent discussions and in particular from the USDA investigative report D-3-595 dated December 15, 1961.

Mr. Murphy advised as he recalled it, probably sometime in November, 1961, he received a telephone call from Senator Yarborough who mentioned to him to the effect that a problem had arisen in connection with the transfer of pooled allotments in the west Texas area and said he did not know too much about it. The Senator asked Murphy if he would look into it. He cannot recall whether he replied back to the Senator on this matter and said this may have been his first introduction into the cotton allotment problem.

Mr. Murphy also stated that sometime near the January 6, 1962, meeting, he received a telephone call from Walter Jenkins, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of the United States. Mr. Jenkins inquired as to whether the USDA was looking into the question of transferred cotton allotments in west Texas. Mr. Murphy said that he told Jenkins that this matter was being checked into and the latter requested to be advised as to what was being done. Mr. Murphy stated that Estes' name was not mentioned during the course of this conversation.

Mr. Murphy stated he cannot now recall that he actually contacted Jenkins again on this matter but believes that he did. He stated, however, there is no correspondence on this subject matter in his office and if Jenkins was recontacted it would have been telephonically and probably before January 31, 1962.

Mr. Murphy advised other than the contacts he has already reported from Congressmen and Senators he stated he has received no further inquiries to his knowledge in this matter. He said his files contained no correspondence with them.

Mr. Murphy advised that because of the nature of his position he would have no opportunity to see any written reports prepared by Henry H. Marshall, former USDA employee in Texas.

Mr. Murphy stated that he has never shared a business or personal interest with Estes and has never assisted Estes

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in any way in his official capacity at USDA. He stated that he has never attended any social functions which were also attended by Estes. Mr. Murphy stated concerning the receipt of gifts or gratuities from Estes, in the middle of 1961 he received two crates of cantaloupes from Estes. On the second occasion he wrote a letter to Estes which he exhibited to the Agents. A copy of this letter dated September 12, 1961, discloses in part that he thanked Estes for the cantaloupes and pointed out to him that the policies of this Administration with respect to the acceptance of gifts were very stringent, etc and requested that he not send any more.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies
of a LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy is enclosed
for Dallas.

This LHM contains results of interviews conducted
5/17/62 with USDA employees [redacted]

[redacted] Interviews were conducted by SAS [redacted]
and J. DONALD HUPPERT.

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INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
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On May 17, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS),
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), was interviewed
under oath in his office, [redacted] Main Agriculture Building.
[redacted] stated he resides at [redacted]
[redacted] Virginia.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was sent
to take over the office of Battle Hales on Friday, April 20,
1962. Miss Mary K. Jones, who had been Hales secretary for
several years, was to continue in the same capacity for
[redacted]

On April 25, 1962, [redacted] received a telephone call
from [redacted] to come over to [redacted]
office. [redacted] went to Room 5606 South Agriculture
Building, where he arrived at approximately 9:50 a.m. He
found Miss Jones seated in a chair in the middle of the door-
way, holding some records in her arms. These records consisted
of a folder containing some papers, a desk calendar, and some
Time and Attendance Records. He said it was necessary for him
to squeeze by Miss Jones in order to enter the room.

[redacted] continued that he found [redacted]
[redacted] inside [redacted] office.

Miss Jones came back in shortly and said she would not
surrender the above records to anyone but Mr. Hales. She
sat on the edge of her desk, holding the records, and talked
continuously. This went on for several minutes and Miss Jones
mentioned several complaints which she had. She said she
never had liked the office, Room 5606, since moving there from
the fourth floor. She said there was no wash basin in this
office, it was inconvenient for her to take her lunch period,
and it was lonely. She also said that no one ever called her
on the telephone any more.

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[redacted] stated this went on for quite a while and he suggested that Miss Jones give her records to [redacted]. He also suggested she go home and get some rest. She did not seem agreeable to these suggestions and they decided to try and get in touch with Battle Hales. Efforts to contact Hales was unsuccessful. [redacted] left the office in an effort to locate him, but returned in about ten minutes with [redacted]. At this point, [redacted] asked that everyone leave the room except he and Miss Jones.

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[redacted] said that as he and the others left the room and the door closed, he heard a loud scream from Miss Jones. He heard another outburst from her, not quite as loud as the first and then it became quiet. [redacted] remained outside in the hall for about ten minutes. An employee from a nearby office, [redacted] came to Room 5606 on business but was prevented from actually entering the room by [redacted] and Miss Jones.

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After [redacted] left, [redacted] escorted Miss Jones to the elevator. Miss Jones was not loud in the corridor, but was physically trying to prevent [redacted] from getting her to the elevator. [redacted] had decided to take Miss Jones to his office on the first floor. [redacted] said it was necessary for [redacted] to practically force Miss Jones the short distance down the hall to the elevator. He said this was approximately 11:05 a.m. and [redacted] returned to his office. He said he did not observe anything else in connection with this incident, but heard later that Miss Jones had been taken to the hospital.

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On May 17, 1962 [redacted] ASCS was interviewed under oath.

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[redacted] advised that she presently resides at [redacted] Maryland.

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[redacted] stated that at approximately 10:50 a.m. on April 25, 1962, she stopped by the office of Miss Mary K. Jones, Room 5606, South Agriculture Building, to check on some Time and Attendance Records. However, [redacted] did not enter the office when she noted that Miss Jones was in conversation with an individual in that office, whom she believes to be [redacted]. [redacted] stated that she advised Miss Jones at this time that she desired to check the Time and Attendance Records of Mr. Battle Hales, Jones' former supervisor, at which time Miss Jones jumped up from a desk from which she was sitting, became very excited and stated that she, Miss Jones, was taking care of Mr. Hales Time and Attendance Records and other personal property and did not desire to turn the same over to anyone at that time.

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[redacted] further stated that Miss Jones appeared to be excited, however, she did not think that this was too strange in view of the fact that Miss Jones' former supervisor, Mr. Hales, had recently been transferred from his position and she was under the impression this had been sort of a "blow" to Miss Jones in view of the fact she had been a very devoted secretary to Mr. Hales for the past several years.

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[redacted] stated that she recalls that at that time she saw [redacted] and two unknown males in the hall directly across from Room 5606.

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[redacted] advised that she only stopped at Miss Jones' office for a few minutes and just before she left the area, [redacted] asked her to attempt to locate Mr. Hales and tell him to come to Room 5606.

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[redacted] stated that she did not pay any attention to what Miss Jones was saying at the time she was in the area except for one statement she recalls, which was "I cannot even get out to wash my hands".

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[redacted] advised that she recalls seeing Miss Jones holding several things in her arms and believes that they consisted of Time and Attendance Records, a desk calendar and other articles which she could not identify.

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[redacted] stated that when she left the area of Room 5606 she attempted to locate Mr. Hales, but was unable to do so and did not return to Miss Jones' office. She advised that she did not see Miss Jones leave the office and knows of no one who may have seen Jones taken from her office on April 25, 1962, as was reportedly done.

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[redacted] advised that she had been acquainted with Miss Jones as a fellow employee for the past several years and she found it hard to believe that Miss Jones had become as ill as she reportedly had on April 25, 1962. She stated that the only close personal friend of Miss Jones, which she is aware of is one Miss Margith Krogh, a former employee of ASCS, who retired in the early part of 1962 and still resides in the same apartment building as Miss Jones. Krogh's retirement was for disability caused by a serious heart condition. Krogh was in the hospital for an extended period of time prior to retiring, and at one time Miss Jones was the only person allowed by Miss Krogh's doctor to visit Krogh. Mrs. Armstrong stated that Miss Krogh is approximately 60 years of age.

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[redacted]
[redacted] USDS, [redacted] South Agriculture Building, was interviewed under oath on May 17, 1962. He said he resides at [redacted] Virginia. [redacted] said he has known Miss Mary K. Jones for the past eight to ten years, during which time she was secretary to Mr. Battle Hales.

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[redacted] said that on Wednesday, April 25, 1962, at approximately noon, he was in the corridor on the first floor, Independence Avenue side, on his way to attend a luncheon for his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Castle, who was to retire from the Department of Agriculture on April 27, 1962. As he passed the entrance to the Medical Officers Office near the fourth wing of the building, he observed two officers of the Metropolitan Police Department, who had custody of Mary K. Jones. Two nurses were also present. [redacted] said that, knowing the meek, mild individual Miss Jones is, he was astounded to see her in custody of police officers. He also observed that she was quietly resisting their efforts to remove her from the office, down the steps and into the patrol wagon. [redacted] said he

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observed this and described Miss Jones as bracing her feet in an effort to keep from going with the police officers. He said he also heard a nurse say that Jones should "submit" to the wishes of the officers.

[redacted] said he believes it was necessary for the police to carry Miss Jones down the front steps to the street. He saw her placed in the patrol wagon. He said he could not believe what was happening and asked a nurse why it was necessary for Miss Jones to be taken away. The nurse answered that Miss Jones was "upset". [redacted] stated he did not observe anything else and could furnish no additional information regarding this matter.

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On May 17, 1962, [redacted] was interviewed under oath in [redacted] South Agriculture Building, at which time she advised that she is [redacted] ASCS, and presently resides at [redacted] Virginia.

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[redacted] stated that she has been casually acquainted with Miss Mary K. Jones as a fellow employee for approximately six years during which time she has had no reason to question Miss Jones character or mental stability.

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[redacted] stated that sometime after Miss Jones was given a lot of publicity in the local newspapers she did make an "idle remark" to the effect that Miss Jones was "peculiar". [redacted] stated that she did not mean anything by this remark and actually had no basis for making such a statement.

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[redacted] advised that during the conducting of regular business, Miss Jones would visit her office every few weeks and at no time did she notice her acting in a peculiar manner.

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[redacted] stated that she has never been a close associate of Miss Jones and that the only individual whom she knows to have been a close personal friend of Miss Jones is a former ASCS employee named Margith Krogh, presently resides at the same apartment building as Miss Jones.

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COURT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT WHITE-S ACTION WAS IN VIOLATION OF TEXAS
STATE BANKRUPTCY LAWS. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] WOULD
BE CONTACTING MR. WHITE RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER AND PURPOSE PROMPTING
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SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

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We have obtained the information set out in the news reports concerning the condition of Miss Jones as reported. We have obtained the records of the Mental Health Commission which reflect this information. They were reviewed and copies of all reports, including the medical report and mental observation order, signed by [redacted] of the Metropolitan Police Department, were obtained.

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In addition to the above, we have also obtained information which has not been heretofore mentioned. It pertains to the U. S. District Court Order signed by District Judge Edward M. Curran on April 26, 1962. This Court Order committed Miss Jones to D. C. General Hospital for mental observation. The Court Order was observed by an Agent yesterday in the office of Dr. John Schultz, Medical Director, D. C. General Hospital. Dr. Schultz advised this had not been made a part of the permanent court record and requested that the Agent return to obtain a copy from the Clerk of the Court on 5/17/62. This is being done.

BACKGROUND:

This phase of the investigation was touched off when Senator John Williams (Republican - Delaware) made a statement from the floor of the Senate that Mary K. Jones had been "railroaded" to a mental hospital because she knew too much. Mary Jones, secretary to N. Battle Hales, U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) official, was taken to D. C. General Hospital on 4/25/62 from her office at USDA.

INTERVIEW OF [redacted]b6
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[redacted] USDA, advised on 5/15/62, that on the morning of 4/25/62, he received a call to go to Miss Jones' office since Miss Jones was acting in such a manner that the persons in the office felt she needed medical attention. [redacted] stated that when he arrived in the office there were several other Department of Agriculture employees present and Miss Jones was standing holding papers, ranting and appeared emotionally unstable. He advised Miss Jones he was [redacted]

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- 1 - Mr. Evans
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and attempted to interview her. He asked the other employees to leave the room. Miss Jones started to raise the window in the room but [redacted] got to the window first as a precautionary measure and raised the window himself. He stated she continued to speak in an incoherent manner and he attempted to take her to his office on the first floor of the Agriculture Building. While taking her to the office she hit him over the head with a shoe and her nurse. He called her personal physician [redacted] and told [redacted] of Miss Jones' actions. [redacted] said he was not surprised at her condition and suggested Miss Jones be committed to D. C. General Hospital.

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The Metropolitan Police Department was advised of the above. After the Metropolitan Police Department officers arrived Miss Jones made further outbursts and the officers stated they could have her committed to D. C. General Hospital. [redacted] stated he accompanied them to the hospital in an effort to make Miss Jones more comfortable during the trip.

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INTERVIEWS WITH POLICE OFFICERS:

[redacted] advised he answered a police radio call to go to USDA on the morning of 4/25/62. Upon arrival he observed a woman who was identified to him as Miss Jones rambling around in the office and speaking in an incoherent state. He stated he spoke with Miss Jones' personal physician. [redacted] assured him he would meet the police officers at D. C. General Hospital to have Miss Jones committed.

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Prior to the time Miss Jones was taken from USDA in the patrol wagon [redacted] signed a "Mental Observation Order" to have Miss Jones committed at D. C. General Hospital. This Mental Observation Order is in accordance with Title 21, Section 326 of the District of Columbia Code which authorizes a police officer to commit a person who appears emotionally disturbed. [redacted] corroborated the information furnished by [redacted]

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Dominion Towers Apartments, the residence of Miss Jones, advised on the morning of 4/24/62 Miss Jones came to her and appeared nervous and upset. She suggested Miss Jones not go to work and accompanied her to her apartment and called her personal physician. [REDACTED] responded to the call and talked with Miss Jones for approximately 45 minutes after which he gave [REDACTED] a prescription for a tranquilizer for Miss Jones. He suggested contact Miss Jones' relatives concerning her condition.

INTERVIEW OF DR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ^{Dr.} advised he has known Miss Jones professionally for about fifteen years. He has treated her for normal illnesses; however, knows of no mental instability. He said he was called to Miss Jones' apartment on 4/24/62, at which time Miss Jones was emotionally upset and worried. He said she "shed a few tears" and he prescribed a tranquilizer to calm her nerves. He admitted receiving a call from [REDACTED] on the morning of 4/25/62 concerning Miss Jones' actions at USDA, but denied he had suggested Miss Jones be taken to D. C. General Hospital.

CONTACT WITH MARY K. JONES:

On 5/15/62 an attempt was made to interview Miss Jones at her residence. She stated she had an appointment with a doctor and could not be interviewed at that time. Miss Jones on the afternoon of 5/15/62 did contact [REDACTED] for the first time. He was interviewed and furnished pertinent information. He had nothing to do with her commitment. n66 b7C

After the appointment with [REDACTED] Miss Jones was again contacted and stated she was extremely fatigued, that she had been interviewed and photographed by representative of "Life Magazine" during the entire morning and that she had just completed a two and one half hour medical examination interrogation by [REDACTED] Miss Jones agreed to be interviewed on the morning of 5/16/62. On 5/16/62, Miss Jones' sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, advised Miss Jones was ill, had a fever and could not be interviewed

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without the consent of her attorney. She stated N. Battle Hales was Miss Jones' attorney. N. Battle Hales telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office and stated he did not wish Miss Jones interviewed.

[redacted] was interviewed and was unable to furnish any pertinent information as he had just examined Miss Jones for the first time.

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The records of the Mental Health Commission were reviewed and copies of all reports including the medical report and the Mental Observation Order signed by [redacted] were obtained.

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Inquiries at the Mental Health Commission revealed Miss Jones was discharged but was not declared sane or insane since her sister had agreed to take custody of her and provide necessary care and treatment.

ACTION:

A letter is being prepared for the Attorney General.

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W. H. Jones
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URGENT 5-17-62 11-25 AM MST JPM
TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC DALLAS

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION - MR. WILLIAM WELTE
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SAC EL PASO "58-59"

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL - ITSP - BRIBERY. OO - DALLAS.

RE BUREAU CALL TO EL PASO MAY SIXTEEN LAST RE WASHINGTON
PROJECT.

[REDACTED] BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTER-
PRISES, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ONLY ONE ENTERPRISE OR ACCOUNT
KNOWN AS QUOTE WASHINGTON PROJECT END QUOTE. THIS WAS A HOUSING
PROJECT INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF NUMEROUS HOUSES, MOVING AND RE-
FINISHING OF THESE HOUSES IN THE SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, AREA DURING
THE MIDDLE NINETEEN FIFTYS WHICH ESTES ENTERED INTO PRIOR TO

[REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT. HE ADVISED THAT INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT TO
HIS KNOWLEDGE IN ADDITION TO ESTES WERE FRANK CLEMENTS OF

TENNESSEE, [REDACTED] TEXAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TEXAS, AND [REDACTED] WASHINGTON [REDACTED] LOCATED

A CORRESPONDENCE FOLDER WHICH AMONG OTHER DOCUMENTS CONTAINED A
NOTE DATED JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF
THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DUE DATE DECEMBER FIFTEEN NINETEEN FIFTY-

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SIX PAYABLE TO [REDACTED] SIGNED BILLIE SOL ESTES. THERE WAS A NOTATION ON THIS NOTE THAT WAS FOR INTEREST IN RIVERSIDE WHICH WORD HAS BEEN SCRATCHED OUT AND ADDED VICTORY SIDE HOUSING PROJECT. WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THE NOTE IS THE FOLLOWING QUOTE PAID WOODCREST INTEREST END QUOTE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THE WOODCREST INTEREST WAS ANOTHER HOUSING PROJECT IN WHICH ESTES HAD A FINANCIAL INTEREST AT ONE TIME. THIS FILE ALSO CONTAINED A NOTATION TO THE EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] WAS ESTES [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, AT ONE TIME. [REDACTED]

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DL / TEXAS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN [REDACTED] WASHINGTON. IN THE RECORDS OF THE [REDACTED] IS A GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN HEADED QUOTE WASHINGTON PROJECT END QUOTE AND AS OF DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN THE CREDIT BALANCE OF TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS IS REFLECTED IN THIS ACCOUNT. THESE CHECKS REFLECT THE ACCOUNT OF BILLIE SOL ESTES IN THE WASHINGTON TRUST BANK, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF ONLY ONE BOX OF CHECKS AND

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VOUCHERS RELATING TO THE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE SPOKANE, WASH., AREA. THESE WERE LOCATED AND REVIEWED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN CANCELLED CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH OCTOBER NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN. OF THESE FIFTY-ONE WERE IN AMOUNTS OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS THE LARGEST BEING SIX HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS. ALL OF THESE CHECKS WERE DEPOSITED OR CASHED IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON MOSTLY IN CHENEY AND SPOKANE. THESE CHECKS WERE PAYABLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS CONCERNS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. CHECK STUBS FOR THE PERIOD JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE NOVEMBER DECEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX WERE LOCATED AND OF THESE EIGHTY-FOUR WERE IN AMOUNTS OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE LARGEST BEING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS PAYABLE TO [REDACTED] BEARING A NOTATION ON THE STUB QUOTE HOUSE MOVING END QUOTE. THE CHECK STUBS IN ADDITION TO THE NAME OF PAYEE IN MOST CASES HAS A NOTATION AS TO THE REASON FOR THE CHECK.

THESE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING LABOR, ADVERTISING, CLEAN-UP MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES AND ETC. ALSO LOCATED WERE NUMEROUS

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VOUCHERS, ONE OF WHICH HAD THE HEADING QUOTE WASHINGTON PROJECT
END QUOTES. THIS VOUCHER LISTED SOME ADJUSTMENTS DECEMBER THIRTY-
ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN IN THE ACCOUNT HOUSING SALES, RENT, IN-
COME, WASHINGTON TRUST BANK. ATTACHED TO THE VOUCHERS WERE
SEVERAL RECEIPTS SOME IN THE NAME OF OR SOME BUSINESS
CONCERNS IN CHENEY AND MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON, AND ALL IN SMALL
AMOUNTS. ALSO, LOCATED WERE TWO FOLDERS ENTITLED "BILLIE SOL
ESTES, WASHINGTON PROJECT." ONE OF THESE FOLDERS DATED NINETEEN
FIFTY-SIX CONTAINED CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTING WORK PAPERS IN-
CLUDING AMONG OTHER THINGS TRIAL BALANCES FOR NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX,
JOURNAL ENTRIES DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX, ACCOUNTS
RECEIVABLE ANALYSIS OF SALES NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX. THESE WORK
PAPERS BORE THE HEADING "BILLIE SOL ESTES, WASHINGTON PROJECT."
ALSO, LOCATED IN THIS FOLDER WAS WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SCHEDULE OF
EXPENSES AND INCOME FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX. REFLECTED IN
THE EXPENSES WERE THE FOLLOWING -- RENT TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED
FORTY-TWO DOLLARS, NINETY-ONE CENTS, MATERIALS, LABOR AND SUPPLIES

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FIFTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS, THIRTY-FOUR CENTS, TRUCKING EXPENSES FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS, NINETY-THREE CENTS, CLEAN-UP EXPENSES FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS, SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS, ADVERTISING EXPENSES ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS, NINETEEN CENTS, INSURANCE SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS, SEVENTY-ONE CENTS, TELEPHONE UTILITIES NINE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS, SEVENTY-TWO CENTS, ADMINISTRATIVE WAGES FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS, FIFTEEN CENTS, OFFICE EXPENSES FORTY-NINE DOLLARS SIXTEEN CENTS, LICENSE TAXES ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS, SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS, TRAVEL EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS, NINETY-SEVEN CENTS, BANK CHARGES THIRTEEN DOLLARS, TWENTY-SIX CENTS, GENERAL EXPENSES CREDIT BALANCE TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS.

ALSO, IN THIS FOLDER IS A LETTER TO MR. R. CLEMENTS, DICKSON,

TENN., DATED OCTOBER TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX, FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LINN FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN, NASHVILLE,

TENN. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH READ AS FOLLOWS -- "FOLLOWING IS THE BALANCE OF MR. ESTES ACCOUNT WHICH YOU REQUESTED." THEN THERE WERE LISTED ELEVEN NAMES, NUMBERS, AND BALANCES. THE OTHER FOLDER

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DATED NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN CONTAINS ACCOUNTANTS WORK PAPERS OF FOUR PAGES OF ADJUSTMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN, AND FOURTEEN CANCELLED CHECKS ON THE SEATTLE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SHENEY BRANCH, CHENEY, WASHINGTON, SIGNED [REDACTED] b6 b7C

[REDACTED] ALL DATED NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN AND ALL WERE IN SMALL AMOUNTS. ALSO IS A SHEET OF PAPER HEADED "BILLIE SOL ESTES, WASHINGTON PROJECT NOTES" AND LISTED WERE THE NAMES OF TWELVE INDIVIDUALS AS MAKERS, ESCROW, TOTAL PAYMENTS, INTEREST AND REMAINING BALANCE. PHOTOSTAT COPIES OF SEVERAL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ARE BEING OBTAINED AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU. THESE RECORDS WERE SO INCOMPLETE THAT A DETAILED EXAMINATION IS NOT FEASIBLE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE OF NUMEROUS ENTERPRISES ESTES WAS INVOLVED IN IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES DEALING WITH BUYING AND SELLING OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT HOUSES. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR /29-28704/ AND SAC, EL PASO

FROM SAC, SALT LAKE CITY 87-9363 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY, COI.

RE BUCALL FROM MR. WILLIAM S. HYDE THIS PM. SAS CARTER E. JONES
AND [REDACTED] REPORTING TO EL PASO
OFFICE FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

ALL DEPARTING SEVEN TEN AM MAY TWENTY VIA BONANZA AIR LINES
TO PHOENIX, THEN AMERICAN AIRLINES ARRIVING EL PASO TWELVE
TWENTYTWO PM.

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URGENT 5/18/62 0/44 AM CST MRH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HOUSTON
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY
REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF HOUSTON THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM
BUREAU- QUOTE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM EL PASO OFFICE FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR ESTES THAT QUOTE WASHINGTON
PROJECT UNQUOTE WAS HOUSING VENTURE INVOLVING PURCHASE, REMOVAL AND
REFINISHING OF NUMEROUS HOUSES IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON AREA DURING
MIDDLE ONE NINE FIVE O/S. ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN PROJECT WITH ESTES
AMONG OTHERS WAS [REDACTED] TEXAS, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS UNQUOTE. BUREAU INSTRUCTS IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE WITH ESTES
CONCERNING AND INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT AND ASSOCIATION WITH ESTES.

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WITH FD THREE O TWOS TO REACH BUREAU BY MAY TWENTY ONE NEXT. INQUIRE

[REDACTED] TEXAS, REVEALS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] REVEAL THAT HE IS ⁸⁹

PRESENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED] TEXAS-

HOWEVER HIS WIFE ADVISED THAT HE IS FISHING IN LAKES AREA WEST OF

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[REDACTED] INFORMED SHE WILL ADVISE

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[REDACTED] TO CONTACT AGENTS IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO AUSTIN
INSTANT WEEK-END. HOUSTON INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ~~SEVERAL TIMES.~~

~~SEVERAL TIMES.~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU

INSTRUCTIONS AT PORT NECHES, TEXAS. ESTES HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.
AIR MAIL COPIES SENT EL PASO AND DALLAS.

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~~HOLD FOR CORR PLS LINE THIRTEEN LAST THREE WORDS ARE AND FOLLOW
WITH AND LINE THREE SENTENCE BEGINS WITH HOUSTON INTERVIEW~~
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URGENT 5-18-62 9-00 PM CST KLS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND

SAC, DALLAS /58-188/

FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY/58-194/ 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. ITSP, BRIBERY, CONSPIRACY
FAG, COI. DALLAS OO.

REBU RAD MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND BUTEL TO WFO, DALLAS,
KANSAS CITY, EL PASO, AND SAN ANTONIO MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED TO DATE OF KANSAS CITY
DIVISION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND REPORT FOLLOWS.

REBUTEL DOES NOT REQUEST ANY INVESTIGATION KANSAS
CITY DIVISION, UNLESS SAME SET FORTH IN WFO AIRTEL
WITH LETTERHEAD MEMO DATED MAY SIXTEEN, LAST, RE INTERVIEW
OF CHARLES S. MURPHY. KANSAS CITY HAS NOT RECEIVED
COPY OF THIS LETTERHEAD MEMO. IN EVENT INVESTIGATION IN
KANSAS CITY DIVISION SET FORTH IN LETTERHEAD MEMO, DALLAS
IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH COPY OF SAME TO

KANSAS CITY AND INVESTIGATION WILL BE HANDLED.

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AS ALL KNOWN INVESTIGATION COMPLETED KANSAS CITY
DIVISION, KANSAS CITY WILL DISCONTINUE DAILY TELETYPE
SUMMARY UACB.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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W. C. Sullivan
J. Edgar Hoover

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS, DALLAS, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, SAN
ANTONIO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND WFO
FROM SAC, SEATTLE /87-8034/ 3P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY, COI.

REBUTEL AND SEATTLE TEL MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST, RE "WASHINGTON
PROJECT".

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO, BUTEL SET FORTH-

"INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED EL PASO OFFICE FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR ESTES, THAT "WASHINGTON PROJECT" WAS
HOUSING VENTURE INVOLVING PURCHASE, REMOVAL AND REFINISHING OF
NUMEROUS HOUSES IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, AREA DURING MIDDLE ONE
NINE FIVE O/S. ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN PROJECT WITH ESTES WERE
FRANK CLEMENTS, DICKSON, TENNESSEE, [REDACTED] 491

TEXAS [REDACTED] TEXAS [REDACTED]
WASHINGTON. ALLEGEDLY [REDACTED] WAS ESTES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON, AT ONE TIME. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LUBBOCK TEXAS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IMMEDIATELY

LOCATE AND INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE

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WITH ESTES CONCERNING THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECT AND ASSOCIATION WITH ESTES.

"MEMPHIS OFFICE BE ALERT TO DETERMINE IF CLEMENTS IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE. SEATTLE OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH OUR INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO "WASHINGTON PROJECT" ASCERTAIN IF

[REDACTED] REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED] IS LOCATED IN SEATTLE DIVISION. SUTEL MAY ONE EIGHT NEXT, RESULTS OF INTERVIEW AND FOLLOW WITH FD THREE O TWOS TO REACH BUREAU BY MAY TWO ONE NEXT."

REFERENCE ^{SEATTLE} TEL SET FORTH THAT "WASHINGTON PROJECT" POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE SALE OF GROUP OF WAR HOUSING BUILDINGS, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, KNOWN AS THE VICTORY HEIGHTS HOUSING PROJECT. REFERENCED SEATTLE TEL FURTHER REFLECTED SUBJECT ESTES AND COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE COMPANY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PURCHASE.

GSA, SEATTLE, ADVISES SALE OF BUILDINGS AT VICTORY HEIGHTS HOUSING PROJECT, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, IN MIDDLE NINETEEN FIFTIES WAS HANDLED BY U. S. PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION.

WFO AND SAN FRANCISCO OFFICES REVIEW RECORDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION FOR RECORD OF SALE OF VICTORY HEIGHTS HOUSING PROJECT AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SALE. J. G. MELVILLE, PUBLIC
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HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, SAN FRANCISCO, REPORTED TO HAVE HANDLED
ENTIRE TRANSACTION. SF INTERVIEW MELVILLE. SUTEL INTERESTED
OFFICES DETAILS OF SALE AND IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED,
PARTICULARLY THE ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL
TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-18-62 3-17 PM FIVE PAGES JSMJDM
TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTN. WILLIAM WELTE, GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, AND SAC, ELPASO AND DALLAS
FROM SAC, BALTIMORE 87-7324

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ETAL, ITSP, BRIBERY, FAG, CONFLICT
OF INTEREST.

RE EL PASO TEL TO BALTIMORE MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, AND BU
TELEPHONE CALL TO BALTIMORE MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE CHECK FOR SIXTYFOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE
DOLLARS.

INVESTIGATION AT COMMERCIAL CREDIT HOME OFFICE, BALTIMORE,
REFLECTS BILLIE SOL ESTES, DBA UNITED ELEVATOR, PLAINVIEW AND
PECOS, TEXAS, IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE FINANCED ERECTION OF GRAIN
ELEVATORS AT PLAINVIEW IN THREE SEPARATE TRANSACTIONS.

TRANSACTION NUMBER FOUR FIVE FOURDASH FIVE NINE FOUR ONE
DASH AMARILLO BASED ON NOTE DATED MAY SIX FIFTYNINE IN AMOUNT
FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY
DOLLARS PAYABLE IN TEN SEMIANNUAL PAYMENTS, THE FIRST DUE ON
NOV. TWENTYFIRST FIFTYNINE. LAST PAYMENT MADE WAS DUE NOV.
TWENTYFIRST SIXTYONE AND WAS POSTED AS PAID ON JAN. SIXTEEN SIXTY TWO.

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TRANSACTION FOUR FIVE FOUR DASH FIVE EIGHT ONE SEVEN DASH AMARILLO BASED ON NOTE DATED MAY SIX FIFTYNINE FOR ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS PAYABLE IN TEN EQUAL SEMIANNUAL PAYMENTS, THE FIRST DUE ON NOV. FIFTEEN FIFTYNINE. LAST PAYMENT MADE DUE NOV. FIFTEEN SIXTYONE AND POSTED AS PAID JAN. SIXTEEN SIXTYTWO.

TRANSACTION FOUR FIVE FOUR DASH SIX FOUR FIVE SIX DASH AMARILLO BASED ON NOTE DATED MAY SIX FIFTYNINE FOR SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS PAYABLE IN TEN EQUAL SEMIANNUAL PAYMENTS BEGINNING FEB. ONE NINETEEN SIXTY. LAST PAYMENT WAS MADE ON SEPT. TWENTY SIXTYONE.

THESE THREE TRANSACTIONS REPRESENT ALL OF COMMERCIAL CREDIT-S DIRECT DEALINGS WITH ESTES.

THE CHECK OR CHECKS OF ESTES TOTALING SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE DOLLARS, PAYABLE TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS, TEXAS, IS IN PAYMENT OF INSTALLMENTS ON THE FIRST TWO OF THE ABOVE TRANSACTIONS. PAYMENT ON NUMBER FOUR FIVE FOUR DASH FIVE NINE FOUR ONE WAS FORTYFIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTYFOUR DOLLARS PLUS A DELINQUENCY CHARGE OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS, TOTALING FORTY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS, AND ON TRANSACTION NUMBER FOUR FIVE FOUR DASH FIVE EIGHT ONE SEVEN WAS SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS PLUS ON HUNDRED

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AND SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS DELINQUENCY CHARGE FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS WITH A GRAND TOTAL OF SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE DOLLARS CREDITED TO ESTES ACCOUNT ON JAN. SIXTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. AMARILLO OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL CREDIT ISSUED A DRAFT DROWN ON ESTES WHICH ESTES BOUGHT ON THE DATE OF POSTING, FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT PECOS, TEXAS.

RECORD OF SUCH ISSUANCE OF DRAFT AND PAYMENT LEDGER SHEET ARE AT AMARILLO OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL CREDIT. CHECK OF ESTES SINCE PAYABLE TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS EITHER IN POSSESSION OF THAT BANK, RETURNED TO DRAWEE BANK, IF DIFFERENT, OR RETURNED TO ESTES, IF SAID CHECK PAID.

RE FORTY THOUSAND DOLLAR MONEY ORDER OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS, TEXAS.

ALLIED ELEVATOR, PECOS, TEXAS, PURCHASED FROM PREFAB STEEL STRUCTURES, INC., ONE ZERO NINE EAST SIXTEENTH STREET, AMARILLO, TEXAS GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES MANUFACTURED BY ARMCO, WHICH PURCHASE WAS FINANCED BY COMMERCIAL CREDIT IN TWO TRANSACTIONS.

TRANSACTION W FIVE FIVE FIVE NINE IS BASED ON A NOTE DATED MAY FIFTEEN SIXTYONE IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS PAYABLE IN TEN EQUAL SEMIANNUAL PAYMENTS, THE FIRST DUE ON OCT. ^FFIFTEEN SIXTY ONE.
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TRANSACTION W FIVE EIGHT NINE ZERO IS BASED ON A NOTE DATED JULY SEVEN SIXTYONE FOR FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS, PAYABLE IN TEN EQUAL PAYMENTS. THE FIRST PAYMENT DUE DEC. FIFTEEN SIXTYONE HAS NOT BEEN PAID.

ALLIED HAS ASSIGNED COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION RECEIPTS TO COMMERCIAL CREDIT AND COMMERCIAL CREDIT HAS RECEIVED CHECKS FROM COMMODITY CREDIT FROM DEC. NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNTIL MARCH NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. COMMERCIAL CREDIT DREATED AN ESCROW ACCOUNT TO CREDIT THESE RECEIPTS AND WHEN THESE CREDITS EQUAL THE AMOUNT OF A PAYMENT ON THE OLDER DUE PAYMENT OF THE ABOVE TRANSACTIONS, SUCH A DEBIT IS MADE FROM THE ESCROW AND CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE TRANSACTION.

ON JAN. NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS RECEIVED FROM ALLIED. THIS WAS COMBINED WITH FORTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY TWO CENTS IN THE ESCROW AND APPLIED TO THE SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT W FIVE FIVE FIVE NINE WITH THE BALANCE PAYING DELINQUENCY CHARGE AND THE RESIDUE BEING RETURNED TO ESCROW TO AWAIT ACCUMULATION SUFFICIENT FOR PAYMENT ON THE OTHER TRANSACTION.

ORIGINAL MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ISSUING BANK, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TEXAS.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT IS PREPARING COPIES OF DOCUMENTS RE ABOVE
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FIVE TRANSACTIONS AND SAME WILL BE FORWARDED.

DALLAS AT PECOS CONTACT FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND OBTAIN COPY
OF MONEY ORDER TWO SIX NINE FOUR SEVEN.

EL PASO AT AMARILLO CONTACT COMMERCIAL CREDIT AND OBTAIN
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE RE ISSUANCE OF DRAFT MENTIONED ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /58-335/ 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, BRIBERY, COI, OO DALLAS.

RE SEATTLE TEL MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

J. G. MELVILLE, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, NOW REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE AGENCY, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF DISPOSAL OF PARTICULAR DEFENSE HOUSING PROJECT IN VICINITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. MELVILLE STATED INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF DISPOSAL SECTION OF PHA AT THAT TIME WAS MAJOR CARL W. SMITH, NOW DECEASED. FILES PERTAINING TO DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROJECTS LOCATED GSA, FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

[REDACTED] REAL ESTATE DISPOSAL, HHFA, b6 b7C

STATES WAS CONNECTED WITH DISPOSAL OF DEFENSE HOUSING FOR PHA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RECALLED PURCHASE BY ESTES OF A PROJECT, POSSIBLY VICTORY HEIGHTS IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON AREA. [REDACTED] FURTHER RECALLED CONTRACT WITH ESTES AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH HIM CALLED FOR REMOVAL OF

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STRUCTURES BY CERTAIN DATE OR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES. DEADLINE FOR
REMOVAL NOT MET AND CLAIM FILED AND REFERRED TO GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
 DESIRES TO REVIEW FILE TO REFRESH HIS MEMORY AND WILL BE
INTERVIEWED THOROUGHLY AFTER FILE LOCATED AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER.
FILE CANNOT BE OBTAINED BEFORE MONDAY, MAY TWENTYONE NEXT AND INTER-
VIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED DALLAS, EL PASO, SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON
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TO , DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, SAN ANTONIO, AND EL PASO
FROM, SAC, LITTLE ROCK /58-61/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA. ET AL/ ITSMV/ MAIL FRAUD,
CONSPIRACY. OO EP.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST.

ON MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, MRS. MINNIE WILCOX, SPRINGHILL,
ARKANSAS, ADVISED THAT SHE IS THE [REDACTED]
MRS. WILCOX STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE AT HER HOME UNTIL THE MORNING OF MAY FIFTEEN,
LAST, AT WHICH TIME THEY LEFT EN ROUTE TO THEIR HOME AT
[REDACTED] TEXAS, AND PLANNED TO ARRIVE
APPROXIMATELY MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION SAN ANTONIO, COPY OF RETEL HAS BEEN FORWARDED
AMSD. SAN ANTONIO WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] PER INSTRUCTIONS THEREIN.

LITTLE ROCK NOT SUBMITTING REPORT.

DALLAS, ALBUQUERQUE AND WFO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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SAN ANTONIO AND EP TO BE ADVISED LATER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: May 18, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 8965-8971. Senator Williams, (R) Delaware, spoke concerning the manner in which an Agriculture Department employee, Miss Mary Kimbrough Jones, was committed to a mental hospital. Mr. Williams included an article from the Washington Star of May 7, 1962, and two letters from Miss Jones' attorney. Mr. Williams refers to action of [redacted] Agriculture's Personnel Office. Mr. Williams said "I talked with [redacted] He said that one of the reasons he thought the girl needed psychiatric treatment was that she seemed to think everybody was against her. She asked him if he was an FBI agent and kept asking, 'Are you with the FBI?' He thought that was strange. I can understand why he would with no background of the case. He had only been called in a few minutes before. But the fact is that the FBI were there. - - - The FBI were checking the files. So it was a logical conclusion when a stranger walked in to think that he may be with the FBI. She was not imagining things." Mr. Williams comments on the background of the case pointing out that Mr. N. Battle Hales, Miss Jones' immediate supervisor, had found evidence of favoritism to Mr. Estes by certain Agriculture employees and had discussed this with the FBI. Therefore, Miss Jones was not imagining things when she asked unfamiliar persons if they were from the FBI.

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DAILY DIGEST

Page 378. The Senate Committee on Government Operations, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, met in executive session on May 17, 1962, and voted unanimously to hold hearings in connection with the Billie Sol Estes case, date of which hearings is as yet undetermined.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for May 17, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO, DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S DALLAS, EL PASO, LITTLE ROCK, SAN ANTONIO
SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM, SAC, MEMPHIS 147-249 ~~XORCHAWRPX~~ 5 P

BILLY SOL ESTES, ITSP, BRIBERY.

REBUTEL TO DALLAS AND OTHER OFFICES ABOVE, EXCEPT
LITTLE ROCK, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

ROBERT S. CLEMENT, DICSON, TENN., FATHER OF FRANK
G. CLEMENT, FORMER GOVERNOR OF TENN., INTERVIEWED TODAY. HE
ADVISED THAT ON JULY TWELVE, FIFTYFIVE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TENN., ENTERED CONTRACT WITH ESTES TO PURCHASE A
ONE HUNDRED SIXTYSEVEN-APARTMENT UNIT, SPOKANE, WASH., DESCRIBED
AS PROJECTS FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE THREE, FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE
FIVE, FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE SEVEN AND FOUR FIVE ZERO THREE EIGHT,
PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, STATE OF WASHINGTON, PRICED AT
THIRTYTWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. THIS WAS A
CONDITIONAL SALE WITH ESTES TO DEVELOP AND SELL UNITS UNDER
COMPANY KNOWN AS COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE COMPANY. HE WAS TO REPAY
THIRTYTWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO [REDACTED] WHEN THIS
AMOUNT WAS RECEIVED. THEREAFTER, PROFITS ON THE DEVELOPMENT WERE
TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE TWO MEN. [REDACTED] IN TURN SOLD ONE-

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HALF INTEREST IN HIS PORTION OF PROJECT TO ROBERT CLEMENT,
FOR SIXTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. CLEMENT
ASSIGNED ONE HALF OF HIS INTEREST, OR ONE EIGHTH OF ENTIRE
TRANSACTION, TO FRANK CLEMENT. THE COLUMBIA BASIN HOUSE
COMPANY [REDACTED] THE CONTRACT
WAS TERMINATED DEC. ONE, FIFTYSIX, ⁸⁹~~48~~ THE REPAYMENT TO [REDACTED]
OF TWENTYNINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS FROM ESTES.
SINCE RECEIPTS FROM RENTS AND SALE OF SOME UNITS HAD BEEN
RECEIVED, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS TRANSACTION RECEIVED A NET
PROFIT WHICH AMOUNTED TO SIX HUNDRED SIXTYONE DOLLARS AND
THIRTYSEVEN CENTS TO EACH OF THE CLEMENTSES FOR THEIR ONE
EIGHTH SHARE. ROBERT CLEMENT ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT
KNOW [REDACTED] TEX., [REDACTED]

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TEXAS, AND KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATION ON THEIR PART WITH COLUMBIA
BASIN HOUSE COMPANY. CLEMENT FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WAS
INVOLVED IN ANOTHER TRANSACTION WITH [REDACTED] ESTES,
STATING THAT ON NOV. EIGHT, FIFTYFIVE, THE THREE OF THEM
PURCHASED FORTYNINE BUILDINGS WITHOUT LAND FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ARK., FOR THIRTYSEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

[REDACTED] HAD PURCHASED BUILDINGS OCT. FIFTYFIVE FROM CITY OF
BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., UNDER SEALED BIDS. CLEMENT, [REDACTED]
ESTES WERE TO MOVE BUILDINGS, RECONDITION THEM AND SELL THEM
AS RESIDENCES. [REDACTED] CLEMENTS PUT UP ALL OF THE
ORIGINAL THIRTYSEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PURCHASE
PRICE. ESTES HELD ONE THIRD INTEREST BECAUSE OF KNOW-HOW
AND FOR SERVICES IN LOCATING BUILDINGS. EACH WAS TO SHARE
EQUALLY IN COST OF DEVELOPMENT THEREAFTER AND EACH PUT IN
APPROXIMATELY FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENT
AND SALE. ROBERT CLEMENT ASSIGNED ONE HALF OF HIS ONE THIRD
INTEREST TO FRANK CLEMENT AROUND JAN. FIFTYSIX. ALSO, ROBERT
CLEMENTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VA., [REDACTED] ON FIVE HUNDRED

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DOLLAR PER MONTH DRAWING ACCOUNT AND WITH AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECT, WHICH CAME FROM ESTES ONE THIRD. IN OCT. FIFTYSIX, THE BLYTHEVILLE HOUSE TRANSACTION WAS TERMINATED BY DIVIDING THE MORTGAGES ALREADY HELD FOUR WAYS, WITH [REDACTED] GETTING FIVE PERCENT OF THEM, ESTES GETTING TWENTYEIGHT AND ONE THIRD PERCENT, [REDACTED] GETTING THIRTYTHREE AND ONE THIRD PERCENT, AND ROBERT AND FRANK CLEMENT SPLITTING THIRTYTHREE AND ONE THIRD PERCENT. THERE WERE STILL SOME UNTRADED HOUSES AND PROPERTY INVOLVED AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH THIRD. ESTES TRADED ROBERT CLEMENT AND FRANK CLEMENT A ONE SEVENTH INTEREST IN FOUR COTTON WAREHOUSES AT SUDAN, TEXAS. HE ALSO TRADED AND SOLD TO [REDACTED] THREE SEVENTHS INTEREST IN THE SAME WAREHOUSES. THESE WAREHOUSES WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BUILT AND WERE REPRESENTED BY ESTES TO HAVE A COMPLETED VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE WAREHOUSES HAVE SINCE BEEN COMPLETED AND HAVE BEEN LEASED TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CENTRAL COMPRESS AND WAREHOUSE COMPANY FOR STORAGE OF COTTON UNTIL SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. THE WAREHOUSES ARE CURRENTLY EMPTY AND NO FINANCIAL RETURN RECEIVED FOR PAST FEW MONTHS. ESTES STILL OWNS THREE SEVENTHS INTEREST IN

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THESE WAREHOUSES.

CLEMENT STATES ESTES ABOVE BOARD IN ALL TRANSACTIONS, AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN STRICTLY BUSINESS. HE STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO LIQUIDATE HOLDINGS WITH ESTES. HE KNOWS OF NO IMPROPRIETIES REGARDING ESTES CONDUCT.

IN VIEW OF LACK OF INFORMATION BY MEMPHIS REGARDING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, LEADS BASED ON THIS INFORMATION BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF OO. MEMPHIS WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TONIGHT AND FRANK CLEMENT TOMORROW AND SUTEL RESULTS TOMORROW. FD THREE ZERO TWOS WILL BE SUBMITTED MAY TWENTYONE NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ /5-P/

BILLIE SOL ESTES ITSP - BRIBERY

DAILY SUMMARY

RE BUREAU TEL TO DL, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, SEATTLE, WFO AND
SAN ANTONIO MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

ON MAY NINETEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, INFORMED HE, [REDACTED]

HAS BEEN SINCE NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN ENGAGED IN BUYING
GOVERNMENT SURPLUS BUILDINGS. HE ADVISED HE FIRST
MET ESTES ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHEN ESTES WAS PRESENT IN

[REDACTED] GOVERNMENT SURPLUS BUILDINGS,

THE PLACE NOT RECALLED. HE ADVISED THAT ABOUT NINETEEN
FIFTY THREE OR FIFTY FOUR, HE, [REDACTED] ESTES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, [REDACTED]

TEXAS [REDACTED] GOVERNMENT SURPLUS BUILDINGS IN DALLAS

AND OPERATED THIS AS A PARTNERSHIP FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX
MONTHS UNTIL PROPERTY WAS SOLD. THE SURPLUS BUILDINGS
WERE KNOWN AS THE TEXAS COURTS IN DALLAS. HE ADVISED MAY 21 1962

THAT ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR ESTES AND HE, [REDACTED]
BOUGHT SURPLUS APARTMENTS AT CAMP SWIFT, TEXAS, FROM

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THE BASTROP ^{TEXAS} ~~34~~, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HE, [REDACTED] b6 b7C
SOLD HIS INTEREST TO ESTES SOME DAYS AFTER BUYING THE
SURPLUS PROPERTY. HE ADVISED ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR
ESTES AND HE [REDACTED] BOUGHT GOVERNMENT SURPLUS APARTMENTS
AT DUMAS, TEXAS, AND HE [REDACTED] BOUGHT ESTES PART IN
THE PROJECT SOME TIME AFTER THE PURCHASE. ABOUT NINETEEN
FIFTY FIVE, ESTES AND HE, [REDACTED] BOUGHT GOVERNMENT SURPLUS
APARTMENTS AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AND BUILDINGS
DIVIDED AND OPERATED SEPARATELY UNTIL DISPOSED OF. [REDACTED]
ADVISED THAT ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY SIX HE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT IN
THE CITY LIMITS OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PROJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS
AT WHICH TIME, HE [REDACTED] TO ESTES
FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND [REDACTED] ACCEPTED AN
OPEN NOTE FOR THE FULL AMOUNT FROM ESTES. ESTES WAS SUPPOSED
TO PAY [REDACTED] IN SIX MONTHS, HOWEVER, AT A LATER DATE
ESTES TOLD [REDACTED] HE COULD NOT PAY HIM AT WHICH TIME
[REDACTED] ACCEPTED SOME NOTES AS SECURITY THAT ESTES HAD RECEIVED
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FROM INDIVIDUALS IN SPOKANE AS A RESULT OF SALE OF SOME
OF THE GOVERNMENT SURPLUS BUILDINGS. [] SAID HE,

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[] COLLECTED SOME MONEY FROM THESE NOTES AND IN THE SUMMER
OF NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ESTES MADE COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
WITH [] BY GIVING [] ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH AND
ALL INTEREST IN THE NOTES HELD BY [] AS SECURITY.

[] AID HE RETURNED TO ESTES THE NOTE THAT ESTES HAD
EXECUTED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

[] SAID HE, [] ORDINARILY REFERRED TO THE VARIOUS
PROJECTS IN WHICH HE, [] WAS INVOLVED BY THE NAME OF
THE CITY, FOR EXAMPLE, QUOTE THE SPOKANE WASHINGTON PROJECT
UNQUOTE. [] SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW ESTES REFERRED
TO VARIOUS PROJECTS IN WHICH HE, ESTES, WAS INVOLVED
AND DID NOT KNOW HOW ESTES REFERRED TO THE SPOKANE PROJECT
UNTIL HE READ ABOUT THE QUOTE WASHINGTON PROJECT UNQUOTE
IN THE NEWSPAPER. [] SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW

[] FINALLY SETTLED HIS PART IN THE SPOKANE PROJECT
WITH ESTES. [] SAID AFTER HE SOLD HIS PART OF THE
SPOKANE PROJECT TO ESTES, HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW ESTES OPERATED
THE PROJECT ALTHOUGH HE DOES KNOW ESTES HAD A CERTAIN
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LENGTH OF TIME TO MOVE THE BUILDINGS OFF THE PROPERTY WHERE THE PROJECT WAS LOCATED IN SPOKANE. [] STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ESTES WAS FINANCIALLY PRESSED IN NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HE SAID ESTES TOLD HIM [] AT AN UNRECALLED DATE THAT HE, ESTES, WAS GOING TO BE WORTH SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN THE FUTURE. [] SAID IN HIS OPINION ESTES WAS A HIGH CLASS MAN AND ALL HIS, [] DEALINGS WITH ESTES WERE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. HE STATED ESTES NEVER MENTIONED TO HIM, [] THAT HE, ESTES, HAD ANY CONNECTIONS WITH ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR THAT HE HAD ANY INFLUENCE. [] SAID IN SUBMITTING BIDS ON GOVERNMENT SURPLUS BUILDING AND SO FORTH, ESTES SUBMITTED SEALED BIDS JUST AS EVERYONE ELSE DID AT A PUBLIC OPENING OF BIDS. HE HAD NO ADVANTAGE OVER ANYONE ELSE. [] SAID NO ONE WAS ALLOWED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO LOWER OR ^{IS Bids} RAISE/ONCE SUBMITTED. HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW ESTES CAME OUT ON THE SPOKANE, WASHINGTON PURCHASE OF GOVERNMENT SURPLUS, HOWEVER, HE, [] MADE SOME MONEY ON THE DEAL.

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CONTINUOUS EFFORTS MADE THIS DATE TO CONTACT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TEXAS, WHO IS

NOT AT RESIDENCE AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO NEIGHBORS.

[REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS LOCATED.

DALLAS. EL PASO AND SEATTLE ADVISED AM. ESTES MAY HAVE
SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

CORRECTION PAGE TWO LINE ONE WORD THREE SHOULD BE "TEXZXX"
TEXAS, AND PAGE FOUR LINE SIXTEEN SHOULD READ "/OFFICIALS TO
LOWER OR RAISE BIDS ONEXXX ONCE SUBMITTED. HE"

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URGENT 5-18-62 12-12 RM AM CST JMP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND

SACS, DALLAS, EL PASO, AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM SAC, HOUSTON /58-111/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP, BRIBERY, CONSPIRACY, FAG, COI.

RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND HOUSTON THIS
DATE, [REDACTED] TEXAS, INTERVIEWED MAY
EIGHTEEN LAST BY BUREAU AGENTS. ADMITTED BEING IN
PARTNERSHIP, NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE, WITH BILLIE SOL ESTES

[REDACTED] TEXAS, BUYING HOUSES FROM

PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION FOR REMOVAL AND RESALE TO

PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. IN LATE NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PURCHASED HOUSES FROM PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FOR RESALE. DUE TO EXTREME COLD

WEATHER WAS LOSING MONEY. [REDACTED] SOLD OUT TO

ESTES FOR REPORTEDLY SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TWO NOTES

OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH. IN NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX

[REDACTED] PURCHASED ONE HALF INTEREST IN WOODCREST APTS.,

PORT NECHES, TEXAS, FROM ESTES FOR APPROX. ONE HUNDRED-

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PAYABLE IN SEVEN NOTES OVER

SEVEN YEAR PERIOD.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

CORR. LAST WORD IN LINE TWELCXXTWELVE SHD. BE NOTES

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TO SACS DALLAS
WASHINGTON FIELD (ESM)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

RE DALLAS TEL THREE THIRTYNINE P. M. , CST, EEA, MAY
EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF FARM LEADERS.

COPY OF AIRTEL MENTIONED INDICATED AS SENT TO DALLAS.
FOR INFORMATION DALLAS, WASHINGTON FIELD ON MAY SIXTEEN,
ONE NINE SIX TWO, INTERVIEWED CHARLES S. MURPHY, UNDERSECRE-
TARY OF AGRICULTURE. MURPHY ADVISED RE APPOINTMENTS TO THE
NATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE. DURING FIRST HALF OF
YEAR ONE NINE SIX ONE, A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS WERE
RECEIVED TO ADD ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE AND IN
THIS CONNECTION THE NAME OF BILLIE SOL ESTES WAS RECOMMENDED.
MURPHY MADE AVAILABLE A LETTER DIRECTED TO HONORABLE

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RE: EILLIE SOL ESTES

ORVILLE FREEMAN AND HIMSELF JOINTLY FROM RALPH W. YARBOROUGH
DATED JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN, ONE NINE SIX ONE, CAPTIONED QUOTE
MR. EILLIE SOL ESTES, PECOS TEXAS. UNQUOTE. THE LETTER
POINTED OUT THAT ESTES WAS AN IMMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL FARMER
IN THE WEST TEXAS AREA AND THAT FARMERS IN THE AREA WERE FOR
HIM. YARBOROUGH ATTACHED TO HIS LETTER A LETTER RECEIVED
FROM FIVE OUTSTANDING FARM LEADERS IN TEXAS SETTING FORTH
ESTES' QUALIFICATIONS AND THEIR ENDORSEMENTS FOR HIM. THESE
INDIVIDUALS WERE [REDACTED]

EILL MATTOX [REDACTED] DALLAS NOTE IN ADDITION TO
ABOVE, EL PASO ADVISED BY TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN, ONE NINE
SIX TWO, ESTES' CANCELED CHECKS REVEAL A ONE THOUSAND ^{DOLLAR}/CHECK
DATED DECEMBER SIXTEEN, ONE NINE FIVE NINE, MADE PAYABLE TO
AND ENDORSED RALPH YARBOROUGH. ALSO NOTED WERE ONE HUNDRED
DOLLAR CHECKS ISSUED MONTHLY BEGINNING APRIL, ONE NINE SIX ZERO
THROUGH SEPTEMBER, ONE NINE SIX ZERO, MADE PAYABLE TO AND
ENDORSED [REDACTED] SECOND ENDORSEMENT ON THESE CHECKS
BEING RALPH YARBOROUGH. RECORD CHECKS, EL PASO, NOT COMPLETED.
DALLAS INTERVIEW FIVE FARM LEADERS MENTIONED ABOVE ALONG LINES
SET FORTH IN PREVIOUS BUTELS RE THIS PHASE. HANDLE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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TO SACS DALLAS WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DIRECTOR 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

RE DALLAS TEL THREE THIRTYNINE P.M., CST, EEA, MAY EIGHTEEN,
INSTANT, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF FARM LEADERS.

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FOR INFORMATION DALLAS, WASHINGTONN FIELD ON MAY SIXTEEN, ONE NINE
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MURPHY ADVISED RE APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
DURING FIRST HALF OF YEAR ONE NINE SIX ONE, A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS
WERE RECEIVED TO ADD ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE AND IN THIS
CONNCECTION THE NAME OF BILLIE SOL ESTES WAS RECOMMENDED. MURPHY
MADE AVAILABLE A LETTER DIRECTED TO HONORABLE ORVILLE FREEMAN AND
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NINE SIX ONE, CAPTIONED QUOTE MR. BILLIE SOL ESTES, PECOS TEXAS.
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PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED] BILL MATTOX [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, WFO /87-9242/

FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL. BRIBERY - COI.

REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST WHICH REFERS TO BUTEL MAY FOURTEEN
LAST CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST AND TO WFO AIRTEL WITH
LETTERHEAD MEMO DATED MAY SIXTEEN, REGARDING INTERVIEW OF
CHARLES S. MURPHY. PAGE TWO OF BUTEL STATES "DALLAS NOTE
FARM LEADERS LISTED PAGE TWO OF LETTERHEAD MEMO, REFERENCE
AIRTEL AND INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS". DALLAS CANNOT LOCATE
WFO AIRTEL DATED MAY SIXTEEN CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF MURPHY,
BUT FINDS WFO AIRTEL MAY SEVENTEEN REFLECTING INTERVIEW OF
MURPHY ON SAME DATE AND LETTERHEAD MEMO ATTACHED. LIST MAY 21 1962
LEADERS" TO BE INTERVIEWED BY DALLAS NOT LOCATED.

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ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-19-62 11-05 AM EDST MCR
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, DALLAS /58-188/
FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /29-1768/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY., CIO, OO DALLAS.

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN SIXTYTWO REQUESTING IDENTITY
SUBSCRIBER PH TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE SIX SEVEN NINE EIGHT SIX FIVE.

SPECIAL AGENT-S OFFICE, BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, PHILA., ADVISED
LOCUST SEVEN NINE EIGHT SIX FIVE IS PUBLIC PAY PHONE ON MEZZANINE
FLOOR NEXT TO LADY-S REST ROOM, PENNSYLVANIA GREYHOUND LINES BUS
TERMINAL, EIGHTEENTH AND MARKET STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. 25 MAY 21 1962

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

ATTN. GENERAL INV. DIV.

FROM SAC, SEATTLE /87-8034/ /1P/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY.

PER INSTRUCTIONS INSP. WM. WELTE MAY EIGHTEEN. FOUR COPIES SEATTLE REPORT SA [REDACTED] WILL LEAVE SEATTLE TWELVE FIFTY AM MAY TWENTY ON UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT EIGHT THIRTY. REPORT WILL LEAVE SEATTLE WITH UAL [REDACTED] WHO WILL TRANSFER IT AT CHICAGO TO UAL [REDACTED] TO ARRIVE IN BALTIMORE AT NINE FIFTYFIVE, E. D. T. MAY TWENTY. BUREAU ARRANGE PICK-UP FROM [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT DELIVERY TO BUREAU.

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TO: DIRECTOR (29-28704) AND SAC DALLAS (58-188)

FROM: SAC WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ~~IT-2 DASH~~ BRIBERY; OO DALLAS.

RE DALLASTEL AND BUREAUTEL BOTH MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

THERE IS BEING FORWARDED TO DALLAS VIA AIRTEL THIS DATE COPY OF LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST REPORTING INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES S. MURPHY, UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. THIS WILL FURNISH BACKGROUND INFORMATION NEEDED FOR INTERVIEWS WITH FARM LEADERS IN TEXAS AS REQUESTED IN RE BUREAUTEL. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, EL PASO

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO #87-5025/

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP, MAIL FRAUD, CONSPIRACY,

OO - EL PASO.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO BIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

ON MAY TWENTY INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, ADVISED HE IS MAKING

BUSINESS TRIP THROUGH TEXAS AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL MAY TWENTY FIVE NEXT AT EL PASO.

HE INDICATED DESIRE TO COOPERATE AT THAT TIME AND WILL

TELEPHONE EP OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL. [REDACTED] STATED HIS

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DEALINGS WITH ESTES ARE IN THE

POSSESSION OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NEW MEXICO.

HE ADDED THAT HE FEELS APPREHENSIVE FOR HIS PERSONAL

SAFETY DUE TO PUBLICITY THIS CASE. EP INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] PER INSTRUCTIONS IN AQ TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN

LAST. DL AND AQ ADVISED BY AM. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL

TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI "29-28704"

ATTN., MR. WILLIAM WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

WASHINGTON PROJECT.

REPORT OF SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY FORWARDED AMSD EL PASO MAY EIGHTEEN LAST. IS FAIRLY COMPLETE REPORT AND CONTAINS AN EXHIBIT CONTROL SHEET WHICH MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN FINDING EXHIBITS FORWARDED BY THIS OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES, NONE OF WHICH IS PHYSICALLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE EL PASO DIVISION.

REPORT SENT AMSD RATHER THAN BY PILOT BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CHANCE OF MISSING PILOT CONNECTION AT DALLAS.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-19-62 9-27 PM MST DRH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI "29-28704"

ATTN., MR. WILLIAM WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

RE EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SIXTEEN LAST REGARDING QUOTE THE
THREE CHECKS UNQUOTE. RE EL PASO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SIXTEEN LAST
ENCLOSING COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FOR DOCUMENTATION ON QUOTE THREE CHECKS
UNQUOTE.

ON PAGE TWO OF REFERENCED EL PASO TEL, PARAGRAPH THREE, LINE
THREE, INDICATES PHOTOSTAT OF BANK MONEY ORDER NUMBER, TWO SIX EIGHT
SEVEN SEVEN, WAS BEING FORWARDED FOR DOCUMENTATION.

THIS IS IN ERROR. THE ORIGINAL OF AFOREMENTIONED BANK MONEY ORDER
NOT LOCATED IN BANK RECORDS AND CONSEQUENTLY COULD NOT BE FORWARDED.
(REFERENCED AIRTEL. ITEN NUMBER TWO, CHECK NUMBER, EIGHT THREE
SIX EIGHT, SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EVEN. THIS
AMOUNT SHOULD BE FORTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTYSIX DOLLARS,
FOURTEEN CENTS.)

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